

THE WHOLE STORY OF THE BIBLE – REDEEMED FROM DARKNESS

Romans 1:18-25

INTRODUCTION:

The Bible is not merely a collection of individual stories that provide occasion to impart truth, reveal God, and teach morality, but it is essentially one story written to cover in depth the grand narrative of scripture:

- **Creation** – How did we get here? (Genesis 1-2)
- **Fall** – What went wrong? (Genesis 3-4)
- **Redemption** – How are we going to be rescued? (Romans 1-4)
- **Restoration** – What is God’s goal for the future? (Revelation 19-22)

Last week, we picked up in Romans 1:1-17 concerning the nature of the gospel. Romans (particularly the first few chapters) is the most comprehensive discussion about what God has done regarding our sin. In fact, this is Paul’s thesis statement regarding the book of Romans, the “gospel of God.”

Romans 1-4 is the most comprehensive explanation for what God has done about the devastating results of the fall. Romans is going to get at the heart of what is the only cure for a fallen soul and a sinful heart. The Bible has a lot to say about the condition of the human heart and what salvation can do to redeem it.

THEREFORE, WE MUST SEEK TO KNOW THE UNREDEEMED HEART.

WHY?

HERE IS WHAT YOU FIND IN THE UNREDEEMED HEART...

I. THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD (v. 18-21)

- Every human _____ possesses the _____ of God (v. 18)
- The sign that you are suppressing truth (knowledge of God) is _____ (v. 21)

II. THE MANUFACTURING OF IDOLS (v. 22-25)

III. THE HARDENING OF HUMANITY (v. 22-25)