# Paul's Central Teachings in Romans, "Ruin"

### **RUIN**

(Ro.1:18-3:20)

Tragic helplessness of the human race

## Gentiles

# **REVELATION:** Light of Nature

God gives everyone the observation that He is wise and powerful (Ro.1:18—2:29)

### Jews

# **REVELATION:** Light of Nature

God gives everyone the observation that He is wise and powerful (Ro.3:1-20)

#### REVELATION: Light of Scripture

In spite of their greater privilege and revelation of Scripture, the Jew behaves the same way as the Gentiles.

(Old Testament)

#### Lessons

**Lesson 1:** Paul calls us to measure ourselves by divine rather than human standards. This standard reveals that we are all guilty before God.

Lesson 2: Paul calls us to live by faith rather than by sight. He contrasts the folly of trying to obtain salvation by working for it with simply believing God for what He has revealed as true.

**Lesson 3:** Paul calls us to dedicate ourselves to God rather than living self-centered lives (12:1).

This is the reasonable response to having received salvation. When we do this, we show that we truly appreciate what God has done for us.

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