conviction our conscience.

In Romans 1:18-20, the apostle Paul stated that the voice of conscience reveals God's standards in the hearts of those who've never even heard the Word of God. And Ecclesiastes 3:11-14 declares that God has placed a sense of eternity in everyone's heart, a conviction that what we do has everlasting consequences.

I am thankful that the Bible tells us about the One to whom we are accountable and that it clearly defines what is right and wrong. But I'm also grateful that God offers forgiveness to us through faith in Christ, so we don't need to fear His judgment (Acts 17:31).

Like it or not, we are accountable to God. --HVL

Our conscience is a gift from God,
It is a guiding light;
And when aligned with God's own Word,
It tells us wrong from right. --Sper

## Only God has the right to say what's wrong.



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#### Information for Visitors.

- \* We're glad you're here. Sit back, <u>relax</u>, and enjoy the service. You're very welcome to join us for a cuppa after church.
- \* a Kid's Church and creche is normally provided, during the sermon for the **toddler to primary age bracket.** Please ask for details.

## Who Says?

He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. --Acts 17:31

I had always admired a well-known television news personality and thought of him as someone with high moral standards. So it surprised me one day when I heard him remark that he doesn't want anyone telling him what is right and what is wrong. He made it clear that he answers to no one but himself.

The idea that we are not accountable to anyone--not even to God--appeals to many people. But it contradicts the deepdown feeling that there are things we ought to do and things we ought not to do. The Bible calls that inner









## Romans: Truth in a Nutshell

(unzipped for you)

## Under Wrath



Romans 1:18-32 makes 2 relevant statements about God's wrath on our community:

1. The \_\_\_\_\_\_ for God's wrath, verses 18-23, 1, 5, 9, 13-16 (Romans 1:19) For the truth about God is known to them instinctively. God has put this knowledge in their hearts. [paraphrase]

(Romans 1:20) From the time the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky and all that God made. They can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse whatsoever for not knowing God. [paraphrase]

(Ephesians 5:5) "For this you know, that .. covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God."

(Philippians 3:19) "whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, ..."

(2 Timothy 3:4) ".. lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,"











#### 2. The \_\_\_\_\_\_ for God's wrath, verses 18, 24-32

(Romans 1:24) So God let them go ahead and do whatever shameful things their hearts desired. As a result, they did vile and degrading things with each other's bodies. [paraphrase] (Romans 1:27) And the men, instead of having normal .. relationships with women, burned with lust for each other. Men did shameful things with other men and, as a result, suffered within themselves the penalty they so richly deserved. [paraphrase]

(Romans 1:27).. and in their bodies they received the punishment for those wrongs. [paraphrase] (Romans 1:27).. and what has happened to them is punishment for their foolish deeds. [paraphrase]





