

## SOME INEXCUSABLE FACTS

### Romans 1:20-21

**Introduction:** One of our weaknesses is that we make excuses for our behavior thus hiding the real truth about our hearts and thus the "real us." God's Word has a way of tearing down all the walls we put up and thus revealing who we really are and what we are really like. It has been this way since Adam and Eve in the garden making excuses as to why they disobeyed God. Let's take a look at some inexcusable facts about people from the beginning of time, including us.

#### **I. LACK OF REVERENCE (*"The knew God, but they glorified Him not as God."*)**

People do not deny God's existence, but have no reverence for His name, and do not render Him the honor to which He is entitled, do not glorify Him as God.

##### **1. Never think of God.**

- Go throughout life, year by year without any thought of God.
- People go through week after week thinking they don't need God and are doing just fine.

##### **2. Don't have the right concept of God.**

- Have their own ideas about God.
- But God has no "second" place.
- God cannot be put aside for a "more convenient time."

##### **3. Never offer God any sincere worship from the heart.**

- Attend Easter and Christmas services only.
- Don't have any idea that what they call "worship" is nothing to God.
- God doesn't need our decorated buildings or our music. He has His universe.
- God wants our hearts and nothing between or before Him and us.

##### **4. Do not obediently serve Him.**

- Have you ever served God? Do you even look upon yourself as a "servant" of God?
- We serve ourselves, working for wealth, honor, respectability, recognition in our world.
- How is it that God has kept us and provided for us and we have not given Him any service from the heart whatsoever?

##### **5. Don't trust Him.**

- We were made to live under the shadow of God's protection, not to be out on our own.
- How is it that when trouble, difficulties come we turn to everybody else but God?
- We say we know God. Then why don't we trust Him for ALL things?

##### **6. Don't seek to talk to God.**

- When was the last time you really spent a long time just talking with God.
- What if we had family and friends who talked with us no more than we talk with God?
- Some use God's name in an oath, swearing. Some are careful not to do so, but neither ever have a long conversation with God.

##### **7. Don't want to be reconciled to Him.**

- Whoever believes in Christ Jesus is at once forgiven, adopted and given eternal life.
- Many know this in their minds but still have no desire for it in their hearts.
- This is an inexcusable defiance of God and eternal Hell fire is the final end.

## **II. BEING UNGRATEFUL (*"It is said of them that 'when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful.'"*)**

(Nobody is worse than a person who refuses to be thankful for those who have helped him/her. To say that a person is not thankful to God is about the worst thing that can be said about them.)

### **1. They have ignored God's law.**

- God gave the basic 10 commandments as simple regulations for mankind, telling and showing the damage and benefits of keeping and not keeping the Law.
- Some go out of their way to break God's Law, mocking it, ignoring it.
- Who but a fool would do such a thing? It is fatal.

### **2. They have dishonored God's day.**

- God has declared that we are to do all our works for six days but on the seventh day we are to rest and think about Him and Holy things. That day belongs to Him.
- Who has not dishonored God's Day? It is robbery, it is being unthankful.
- God's day is now used for everything under the sun except what He commanded it to be.

### **3. They have neglected God's Book.**

- Look at the Bible. It is full of wisdom, love, guidance.
- What kind of person would leave unread a letter of love from his/her father?
- God has gone to great lengths to send us the Bible. Let us read it in gratitude.

### **4. They have refused God's Son.**

- God took His only Son and sent Him here to live, suffer and to die so that we might be able to have eternal life and enjoy all that God has to give to those who believe.
- They refuse to allow God to save them, choosing rather to spend eternity in Hell.
- What ingratitude some have reached when God's own Son who did all He did for us is ignored and refused and even mocked.

### **5. They have ignored God's provisions.**

- Have you missed very much in you life, such as meals, a warm bed, family?
- You have been spared disaster, failed business, ruined marriages, terrible children, etc.
- People say they are "lucky" and thus are unthankful to God. It was not hard work or your brains that got you where you are, it was God!

### **6. They have resisted God's Spirit.**

- How many times have you fought against doing what you knew God wanted you to do?
- The Holy Spirit came to lead you to Christ and you fought and fought and Satan even came to help you and you have resisted the Holy Spirit with success.
- May God give you another chance!

## **III. DOING SUCH THINGS KNOWING THEY WERE WRONG (*"When they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful."*)**

1. Knowledge of God is of no use if it does not lead to obedience (reverence, gratitude).

- Knowing about God without obedience will send one to eternal Hell.

2. Knowledge of God increases our responsibility and accountability.

- There is no acceptable excuse to know of God and not to obey.
- The more we know of God, the more accountable we are to Him and will answer for that knowledge and our use of it when we stand before Him in judgment.

## **CONCLUSION:**

1. Who among us is not guilty of these very things at some time or other?
2. God stands ready to forgive.