

Studies In Romans

(Romans 1:29-32)

1. What were the people discussed in this chapter filled with?

All unrighteousness: *"Being filled with all unrighteousness..."* (Romans 1:29).

- **Romans 1:18, Romans 2:8, Romans 6:13, I Corinthians 6:9, II Thessalonians 2:10-12, and I John 5:17; cf. I John 1:9.**

2. For this question, prepare to discuss each sin listed in verses 29-31.

- The verses say: *"(29) Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, (30) Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, (31) Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful"* (Romans 1:29-31).
- First, it should be noted that many things we will discuss here are matters of sin that BEGIN in the heart (Mark 7:20-23).
- Fornication (Acts 15:29, I Corinthians 6:18, Ephesians 5:3, and I Thessalonians 4:3).
- Wickedness (Isaiah 47:10-11, Ezekiel 33:18-19, Matthew 13:49, and I John 5:19).
- Covetousness [greedy desire] (Psalms 10:3, Ephesians 5:5, I Timothy 6:6-10, and Hebrews 13:5-6).
- Maliciousness (Ephesians 4:31, Colossians 3:8, I Thessalonians 5:15, I Peter 2:1-2, I Peter 2:12-16, and III John 9-11).
- Full of envy (Proverbs 14:30, Proverbs 27:4, Romans 13:13, and James 3:13-18).
- Murder (I Peter 4:15, I John 3:15, and Revelation 21:8).
- Debate [contention; strife; variance Strong's # 2054] Same word translated "contention" (I Corinthians 1:11 and Titus 3:9), "strife" (I Corinthians 3:3, Philippians 1:15, and I Timothy 6:4), "variance" (Galatians 5:20). Point is, we're to be unified (I Corinthians 1:10 and Philippians 2:2), not bickering (Philippians 2:3 and II Timothy 2:23).
- Deceit (Psalms 5:4-6, Proverbs 24:28, Romans 12:17, and I Peter 3:10).
- Malignity [bad character] (Ephesians 1:4, Philippians 2:14-16, and Titus 2:7-8).
- Whisperers (Proverbs 16:28, Proverbs 26:20-22, and II Corinthians 12:20).
- Backbiters (Psalms 15:1-3). *This does not mean it is wrong to "talk about" someone behind their back when such is a true, founded, non-slandering talk (i.e. II Timothy 4:10). Reports of good and bad are not wrong (I Corinthians 5:1 and III John 9-12).
- Haters of God (Psalms 81:15, Proverbs 8:36, and John 7:7).
- Spiteful (Luke 16:13, Luke 18:9-14, and II Peter 2:10). Not all spite though (Hebrews 12:1-3).
- Proud (Psalms 138:6, Proverbs 6:16-19, Proverbs 11:2, Proverbs 16:5, I Corinthians 10:12, Galatians 6:3, and James 4:6-10).
- Boasters (Acts 5:36, James 4:16, and Jude 16).

- Inventors of evil things (**Psalms 106:39** and **Ecclesiastes 7:29**). *Following authority keeps this from happening (**Matthew 28:18-20**, **Colossians 3:17**, and **II Timothy 3:15-17**).
- Disobedient to parents (**Ephesians 6:1-2** and **II Timothy 3:1-2**). *Under the Old Law, that child would be stoned (**Deuteronomy 21:18-21**).
- Without understanding (**Proverbs 18:2**, **Jeremiah 4:22**, and **Ephesians 5:17**).
- Covenant breakers (**II Corinthians 8:21**, **Ephesians 5:1-5**, **James 5:12**, and **I Peter 2:12**).
- Without natural affection (**II Timothy 3:3**). *This does not mean that some people cannot be taught to love in a way that should be natural (**Titus 2:3-4**).
- Implacable [not agreeable] (cf. **Amos 3:3**). This term is also translated as “trucebreakers” (**II Timothy 3:3**).
- Unmerciful (**Matthew 5:7**, **Colossians 3:12**, and **James 2:13**).

3. Will some people sin while knowing the judgment of God for doing so?

Yes: *“Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them”* (**Romans 1:32**).

- Some people are fully aware of the fact that they are rebellious and there will be consequences (**Ezekiel 2:1-5**, **John 12:37-43**, **John 15:22-25**, and **Romans 2:1-5**).
- Sin is pleasurable, but only for a period of time (**Hebrews 11:24-26**).
- The punishment for sin lasts much longer than the pleasure (**Matthew 25:41**, **Matthew 25:46**, **John 5:28-29**, and **Jude 7**).