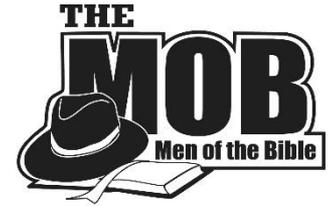


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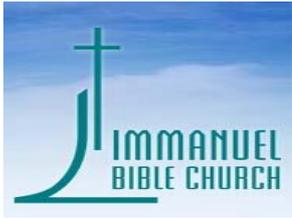
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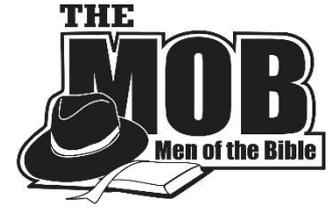
Announcements



- Welcome to the MOB!
- Website: www.ibcmob.net
- [Core Strength, Tuesdays, 6:00 AM, *The Acts of the Apostles*](#)
- [WACMM Men's Conference, October 21, 2017, 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM, McLean Bible Church, McLean, VA](#)
- [Women's Apologetics Conference: "Conversations that Count"](#)
[IBC, October 20, 2017, 4:00 - 9:00 PM;](#)
[and October 21, 8:30 AM - 12:00 noon](#)
- [Parenting Seminar: Raising Sexually Healthy Kids,](#)
[IBC, November 11, 2017, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM](#)



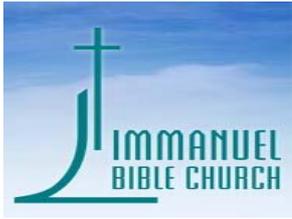
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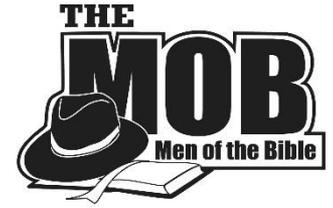
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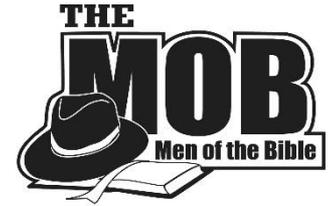
Romans Outline



Focus	Revelation of God's Righteousness			Vindication of God's Righteousness			Application of God's Righteousness	
	Reference	1:1 – 3:20	3:21 – 5:21	6:1 – 8:39	9:1-29	9:30 – 10:21	11:1-36	12:1 – 13:14
Division	Need for God's Righteousness	Imputation of God's Righteousness	Demonstration of God's Righteousness	Israel's Past: Election	Israel's Present: Rejection	Israel's Future: Restoration	Christian Duties	Christian Liberties
Topic	Sin	Salvation	Sanctification	Sovereignty			Service	
	Doctrinal						Behavioral	
Location & Time	Probably written in Corinth (Greece) around 57 AD							



Last Meeting



Key Thought

“Paul is concerned to explain how God’s new work in Christ can integrate both Jews and gentiles into one new people”

— *Moo, p.22*

Review

— [Romans](#)

Read

— [Romans 1:1-17](#)

Supplemental Reading

— *Encountering* Chapter 3, pages 21-34

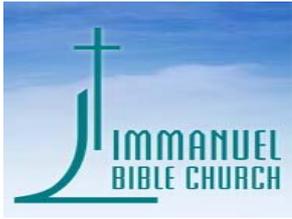
Encountering the Book of Romans

Ch. 3: The Theme of Romans: What is Romans about?

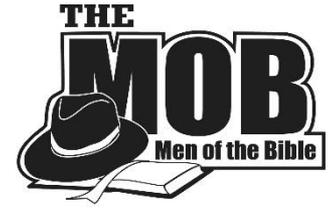
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- The Gospel and the Righteousness of God (1:16-17)

The Purpose of Romans

The Structure of Romans



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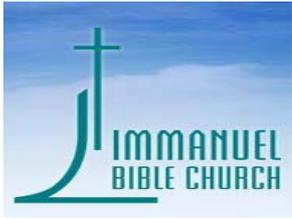
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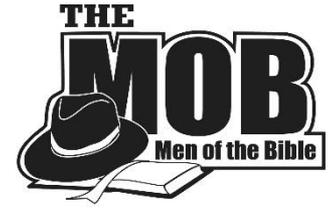
Study:

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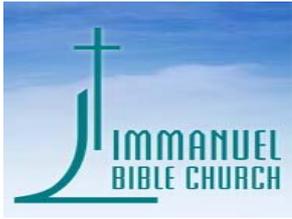


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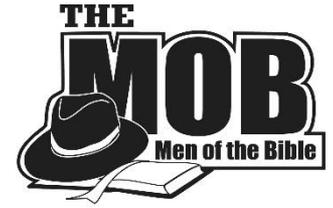


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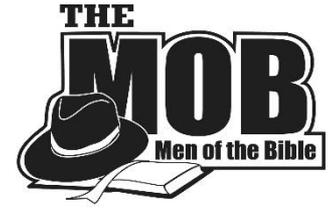
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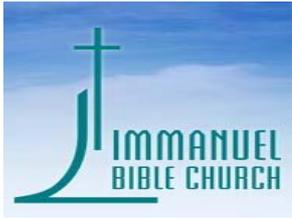


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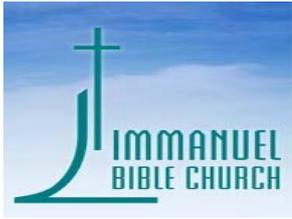
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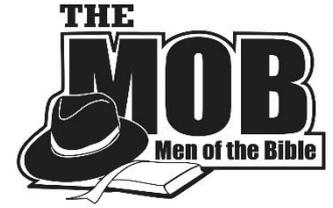
Observation – What does the Scripture say?

Interpretation – What does the Scripture mean?

Application – How should I apply God's Truth in my life?



“Sandwich” Approach



Good News

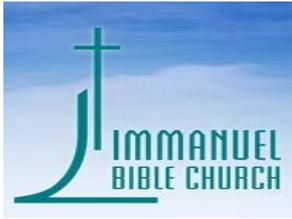
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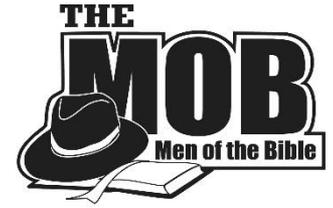
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Good News

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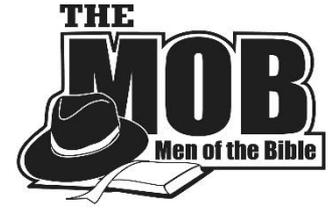


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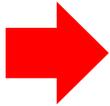
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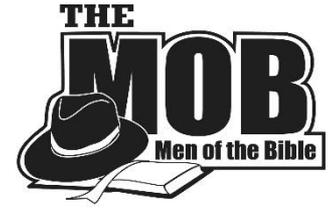


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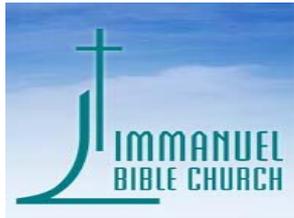


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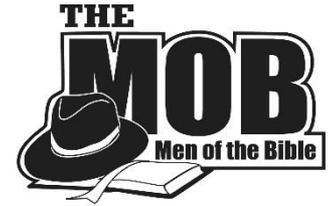
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Answer: Men suppress the truth so they can sin!
God is perfectly holy and must judge and punish sin.



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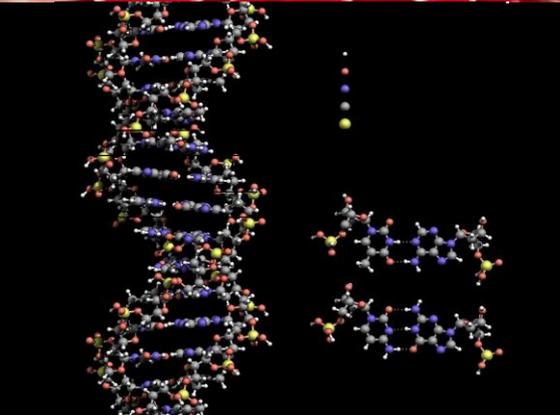
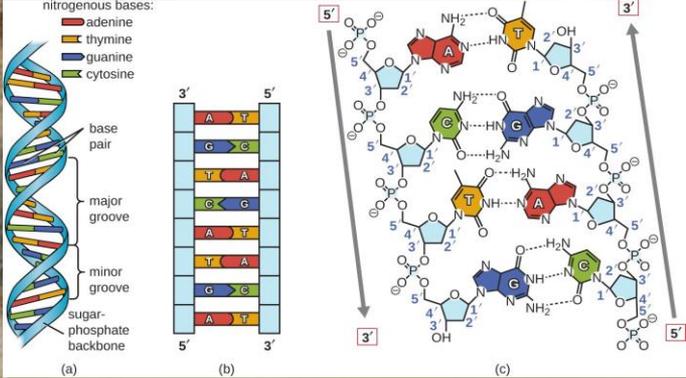
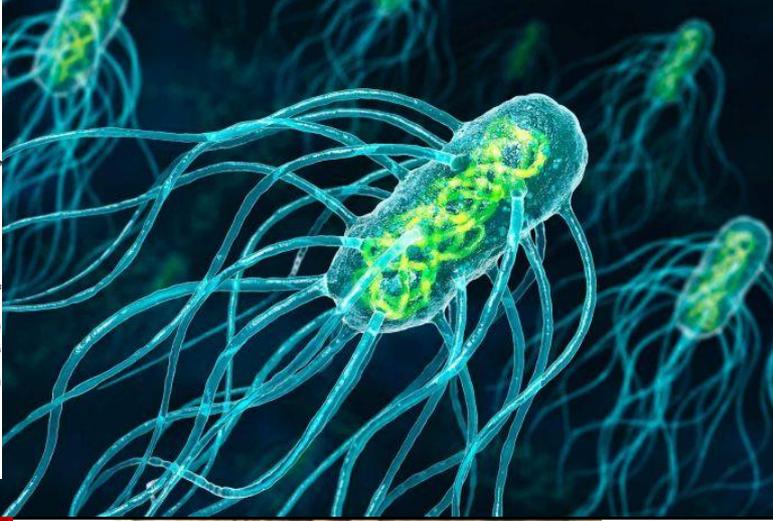
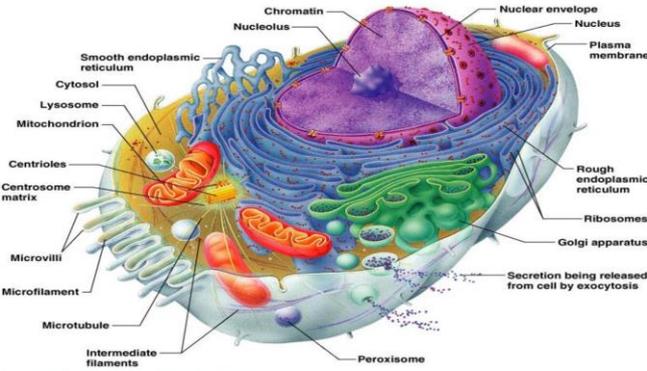


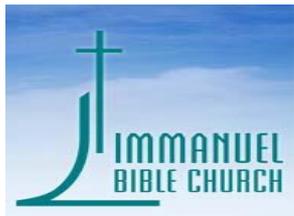
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Interpretation: God reveals Himself to man by punishing ungodliness because He has provided *OVERWHELMING* evidence in nature (God's creation) of Who He is: an **eternally all powerful God**. This is so obvious that **all men** everywhere and throughout all time are without excuse.



Structure of a Generalized Cell





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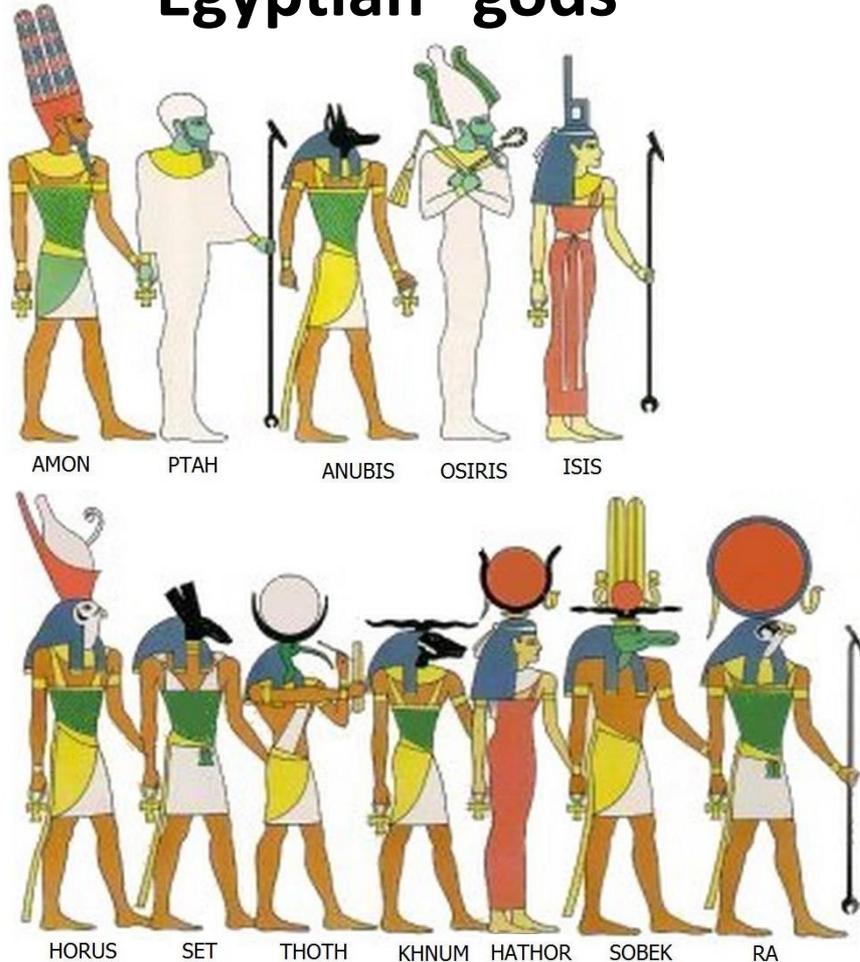
Interpretation: When men do not honor God as God or give Him thanks for everything, they “lose their minds” (i.e., foolish, futile thinking; darkened hearts) and begin to worship created things instead of the Creator!

“Claiming to be wise” – Remember [Genesis 3](#) (“be like God”)
Dark hearts produce all kinds of evil – more to follow...

Romans 1:18-32

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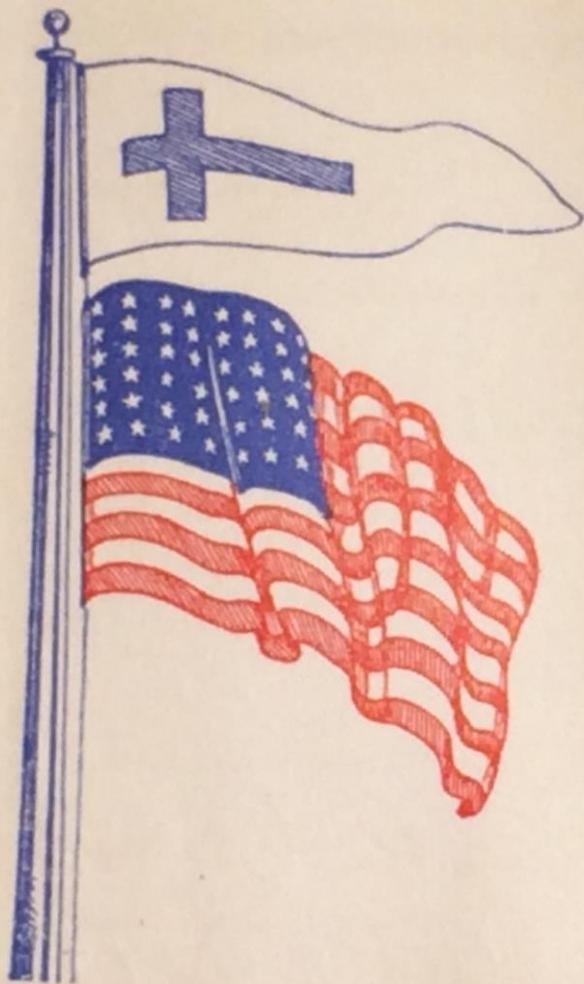
Egyptian "gods"



Greek & Roman "gods"



Who are our American "gods"?



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 25, 1941

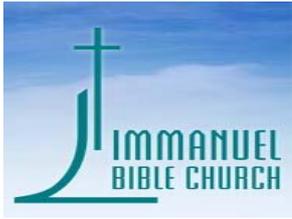
To the Armed Forces:

As Commander-in-Chief I take pleasure in commending the reading of the Bible to all who serve in the armed forces of the United States. Throughout the centuries men of many faiths and diverse origins have found in the Sacred Book words of wisdom, counsel and inspiration. It is a fountain of strength and now, as always, an aid in attaining the highest aspirations of the human soul.

Very sincerely yours,

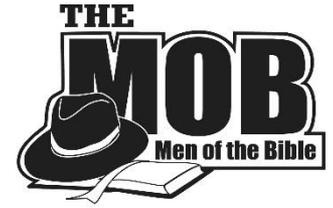
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Romans 1:18-32 (ESV)

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Interpretation: Because men exchange the truth about God for a lie ([Genesis 3](#)) and worship and serve the creature rather than the Creator, God gives men over to their base desires (e.g., adultery, sexual addiction, perversion, etc.).

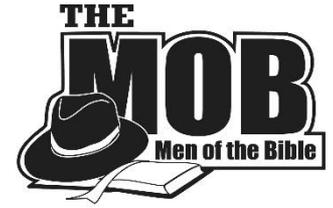
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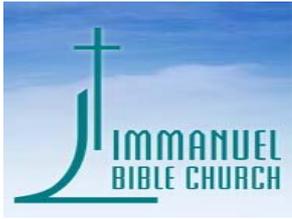
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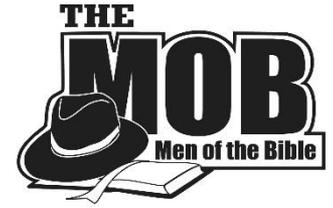
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Interpretation: dishonorable passions = homosexuality
Homosexuality (and worse) is a very clear indication that the wrath of God is on a person, a society, a nation...



Romans 1:18-32 (ESV)

God's Wrath Against Sinners



Observation: What do all of these sins have in common?

²⁹ They were filled
with all manner of:

1. Unrighteousness
2. Evil
3. Covetousness
4. Malice
5. Envy
6. Murder
7. Strife
8. Deceit
9. Maliciousness
10. Gossips

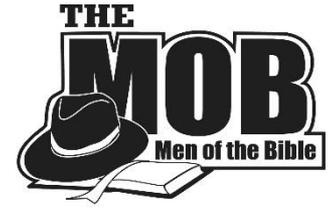
They are: ³⁰

11. Slanders
12. Haters of God
13. Insolent
14. Haughty
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19. Faithless
20. Heartless
21. Ruthless



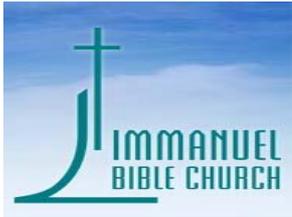
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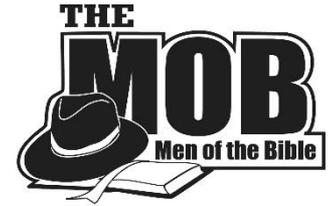


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Next Meeting



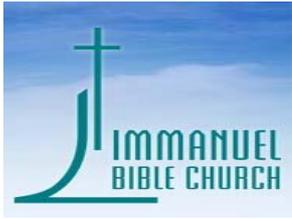
Jews Are “Without Excuse” (More Bad News)

Review:

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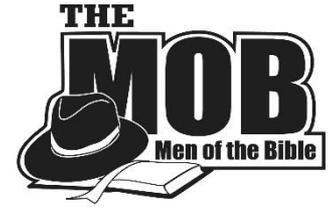
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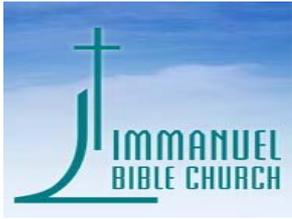


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God's Wrath on Unrighteousness

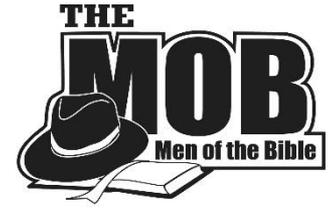


What will YOU do?



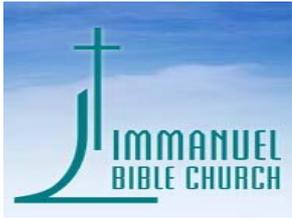
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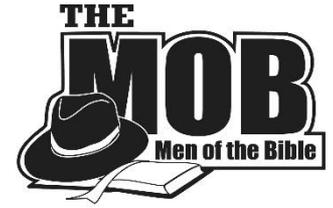
Life Priorities:

- 1) Acknowledge God
- 2) Know God
- 3) Honor God
- 4) Give Thanks to God



Romans 1:18-32

Discussion & Application



1. How do you and will you acknowledge God?
2. How do you and will you know God better?
3. How do you and will you honor God?
4. How do you and will you give thanks to God?
5. How will you treat others trapped in sin?
6. Confess your sins. Practice [James 5:16](#).
7. Pray for our Nation and our national leaders.

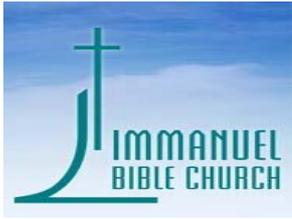


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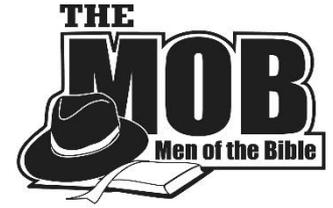
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8. If God is love, how do you explain His wrath?
9. When did you first believe that God is real and why did you believe?
10. What are some common excuses for not believing in God and how do you respond?
11. Why would anyone prefer to worship the creature rather than the Creator?
12. In what modern ways are people guilty of idolatry? What are your idols?
13. If a homosexual person says, "I was born this way," or, "God made me this way," how do you respond?
14. What is the difference between knowing about God and knowing God?



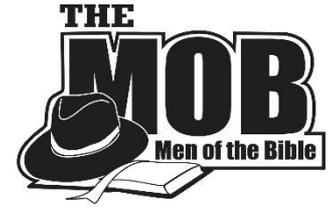
Closing



- Questions?
- Comments?
- Closing Prayer



Scripture Interpretation



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- **N**ormal - *understanding the words of Scripture in their common usage unless otherwise indicated by the context.*
- **L**iteral - *understanding the meaning of Scripture in its ordinary sense unless the context requires a figurative interpretation.*
- **G**rammatical - *using the recognized rules of grammar to interpret the text.*
- **H**istorical - *understanding the words of Scripture in the context of the times in which they were written.*
- **S**ystematic - *categorizing and comparing the teaching of the Scriptures with the whole of Scripture in view.*

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