

## Eleutheros Newsletter

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### News of Interest

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[\*The Ramifications of Our Salvation\*](#) explains what happens Biblically when a believer is saved by God's grace.

[\*Bible Translations: A Closer Look\*](#) explains the challenges translators face and gives reasons why the wording in some versions is so much different from that of other versions.

[\*Spiritual Gifts Verse by Verse: A Commentary on I Corinthians 12-14\*](#) deals with every phrase in these three chapters which are key to understanding the blessings and challenges of the gifts God gives to every believer.

[\*A Portrait of Jesus\*](#) looks at our great Savior for Who He is and what He has done (and will do) from eternity past to eternity future.

[\*The Case for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ\*](#) presents clear and important evidence for our Lord's resurrection, the greatest event in all of history.

[\*19<sup>th</sup> Century Influences on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Christianity\*](#) gives insights into many factors from the past that are still influencing the Church today.

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*The Ramifications of Our Salvation* is now available in a Spanish translation (both in paperback and eBook formats)! To make a purchase, go to [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) and enter [Las Ramificaciones de Neustra Salvacion](#) in the search bar.

## Thoughts on Romans

**1:19** *Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.* God created mankind in His image: “So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them” ([Genesis 1:27](#)). This means that God created man with the capacity to understand God and communicate with Him. Animals do not pray, but mankind can and should. Animals cannot read Scripture, but God has given man the ability to read it and translations in virtually every language. Further, God has given man a conscience that makes him understand in some ways that God is the Creator of all things. The word *conscience* means an ability to accumulate knowledge about matters. When it comes to the existence of God, He arranges our minds to understand that He is real! There are, however, those who ignore what God reveals to them: “The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God. They are corrupt. They have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good” ([Psalm 19:1](#)).

Not only has God given mankind a conscience and an ability to communicate with Him, He also gives us ample opportunity to observe His creation and to realize Who He is through that creation: “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth His handiwork” ([Psalm 19:1](#)).

To summarize this verse simply, God has given man all he needs to believe in Him. When one fails to believe, it is not God’s fault, it is man’s fault!

**1:20** *For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.*

The attributes of God’s nature are varied and beyond our ways, but two of them are described here: He has eternal power and He is actually God!

Consider the power of God! “For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him: And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist ([Colossians 1:16-17](#); see also [Hebrews 1:3](#)).

God has created things man can see and understand. He has also created invisible things that we can only try to understand! Further, not only did He create all things, He has maintained it! And this “work” is not exhausting to Him, because His power is eternal!

The problem for mankind is his unwillingness to acknowledge the God Who created mankind. Paul makes that clear by saying, “so that they are without excuse.”

There is little doubt that most of today’s world believes almost anything but the Bible and the God of the Bible. They place their “faith” in philosophy, misguided education, military, political personnel, their “street smarts,” their bank accounts, their education, their family ties, and a host of other things. They do this in rebellion against the God Who has given them all they need to know Him and Who has given them their life here on this earth! How foolish!

Bible-believing Christians would do well to take [Romans 1:19-20](#) seriously as well! Two reasons for saying this come to mind:

1. The all-powerful God mentioned in these verses is also holy! He cannot tolerate sin and has commissioned us to present the Gospel to the entire world so that those who come to Him in faith will not have to face His holy wrath! We can get upset at people's attitudes or we can do what God has told us to do. A recent survey indicated that only 2 or 3% of professing believers have ever attempted to win a soul to Jesus! Even worse, about half of that small number soon gives up because they were not comfortable dealing with rejection! May God give us a revival of evangelism!

2. So many churches in Gospel preaching denominations and fellowships seem to be far more concerned with being "relevant," comfortable, and unaware of Biblical truth that genuine *reverential* worship is almost nonexistent!

Church members come into the main sanctuary/auditorium and talk about virtually anything than the power of God, the magnificence of the salvation He has provided through His Son Jesus Christ, or the amazing truths of Scripture.

Simply put, where is the reverence that acknowledges these things before worship services?!

We would do well to ponder the words of this great hymn:

### **I Sing the Mighty Power of God**

Isaac Watts

*I sing the mighty power of God,  
That made the mountains rise;  
That spread the flowing seas abroad,  
And built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained  
The sun to rule the day,  
The moon shines full at His command,  
And all the stars obey!*

*I sing the goodness of the Lord  
That filled the earth with food;  
He formed the creatures with His word  
And then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed  
Wher-e'er I turn my eye:  
If I survey the ground I tread,  
Or gaze upon the sky!*

We will continue these thoughts from Romans in next month's newsletter.