Why don't you turn in your bibles if you would to Romans chapter 12. On Sunday mornings, we take one of the books of the Bible and we try to work our way through it, chapter by chapter. This is the best way of learning the Bible, is to learn it in its context as we go through.

So we're in the book of Romans, we've been in the book of Romans for several months, as we've gone through, we're to chapter 12. Chapter 12 is a book that deals with very practical things. We like practical things, we like things that are very simple and practical. We even have a definition of the word practical.

We're looking at very practical things - the word practical means manifested in practice or action. Now don't you think if somebody really believed something that it should be manifested as some sort of action in their life? I think that's true. If somebody really believes something, it's going to practically make a difference in their life.

And the apostle Paul, as he writes to the church in Rome, he wants to make sure that these individuals are not just taking truth without having truth in their lives and that truth in application applied through the action of their lives. So as we go through, let me sort of go back where we've been as we go through.

We started obviously is chapter one, and he addresses the Romans and the Christians in Rome. And he says, "$I am eager to come visit with you because I am anxious to come and preach the gospel for in it - in the gospel - is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile."

So what he's saying is that in the gospel is the power for us to be made right with God, for our sins to be cleansed away, for God and for us to have a relationship - friendship. So in chapter one, he says that is his purpose - to preach the gospel, BUT there's a huge problem that comes up for men and women and for children - all of us in the world. The Bible says in chapter 1:18, it says "the wrath of God is revealed against all unrighteousness".