

L6: The Message of the Ambassador Pt. 2 - Sin & Death

Introduction:

- The beginning of our "ambassadorship"
 - We belong to His country
 - Citizen
 - Minister engaged in the affairs of His business

 - The beginning of the gospel
 - God-consciousness - Isa. 43:10-15
 - They "hold the truth in unrighteousness"
 - "things of Him"
 - "eternal power" = Existence/holiness
 - "Godhead"

 - "manifest in them" - internal = God-consciousness
 - "shew it unto them...creation of the world" - external

- **Superstition** - Acts 17
 - Excessive exactness or rigor in religious opinions or practice; extreme and unnecessary scruples in the observance of religious rites not commanded, or of points of minor importance; excess or extravagance in religion; the doing of things not required by God, or abstaining from things not forbidden; or the belief of what is absurd, or belief without evidence.

Preview:

- Part 2 of our "ambassadorship"
 - Sin & Death
 - Evolution of man
 - Wrath-consciousness

Sermon:

Isa 1:18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

{Rom 1:20-21} *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: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.*

- God-consciousness - "without excuse" (without pardon; overlook; to forgive completely)
 - The cause the without excuse
 - **"when they knew God"**
 - **"they glorified Him not as God"**
 - **"neither were thankful"**
 - **"became vain in their imaginations"**
 - **"and their foolish heart was darkened"**

 - The history of man versus the history of science

- We are not arguing against science and evolution with science and evolution
- We are arguing against science and evolution with God and History
 - The premise: "In the beginning God"
 - God made man - man "became"
- Now there are two perspectives -
 - Big bang and evolution upon which no one was there to testify
 - Creation and the evolution of man's ungodliness

- Focus is on "man's unrighteousness and ungodliness"

*** Acts 14:17 - God left Himself "witness"

- Not only did He make even and earth
- "He did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness."

- Wrath-consciousness

Foolish = person not a thing; contrary to reason

- Perversion of this faculty
- Violation of common sense
- i.e. foolish, absurd, and preposterous rise in degree/ vary according to the degree of violence which is done to the understanding

Foolish Heart

- Ps. 14, 36:1-4; Prov. 1; Isa 43:10

Darken = to deprive of intellectual vision; to render ignorant or stupid

- Darkness expresses more than obscurity; the former denotes the total privation of light; the latter only the diminution of light
- What is dark is altogether hidden
- Serves to cover up that which ought not to be hidden

{Rom 1:22-23} *Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.*

- God-consciousness (holiness) + man's ungodliness = wrath consciousness
- The fruit of man's evolution in ungodliness
 - Changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

{Rom 1:24-25} *Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.*

- God's response - "gave them up"
 - "uncleanness" - contrary to "cleanness"
 - From the imaginations of the heart to the dishonor of their bodies

- Man changed the truth of God into a lie and are operating upon that "lie"
- Leads to worshipping and serving the creature more than the Creator
 - Idolatry was the first step toward evolution, both are "lie", the "change"

{Rom 1:26-27} For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

- Vain imaginations - God (ungodly thinking)
- Vile affections - God's things (ungodly actions)
 - One of the first things God instituted - marriage (twain shall be one flesh)
 - Jude 6-7 - "strange flesh"

{Rom 1:28-31} And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

- LEADING
 - Why is God-consciousness important?
 - God is (the only One, eternal = holy)
 - Why is Wrath-consciousness important?
 - History of man's evolution deserving of judgment
 - Sin and death
 - Why is sin and death important?
 - 2 Corinthians 5:21

{Rom 1:32} 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.

- Judgment that which compares, examines, and finds agreement and disagreement of things

Unrighteousness/Sin	Righteousness/Good
Ungodliness	Godliness
○ Uncleaness	Cleanness
Unholy	Holy
Iniquity	Pleases

- "Knowing the judgment of God"
 - "they" - not themselves
 - "which commit such things are worthy of death"
- Romans 5:12-14
 - 1 Tim. 2:5-6
 - Heb. 9:24-28

Conclusion: