

When God Gives Us What We Want

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Text: Romans 1:24-32

Introduction:

Big Idea: _____ that both honors God and expresses thankfulness to God will keep one's life on track but distorted worship always derails a life.

1. *God pours out his wrath upon those who suppress rather than celebrate his truth (1:18-21)*

- His _____ is ongoing and ever present (18)
- The knowledge of God's attributes in creation leave man with no excuse (19-20)
- Humans must decide how to respond to general revelation (21)

2. *God's wrath (passive wrath) _____ unbelief to run its course (23-28)*

- God's wrath = God's justice
- God's wrath comes in two forms:
 - _____ wrath—In Romans 1:18, Paul says, "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth."
 - _____ wrath—In Romans 2:5, Paul says, "You are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed."
- God doesn't force our worship or acknowledgement of him yet
- God's wrath allows for us to make bad deals
 - **Bad Deal #1** – they *exchanged* the glory of God for images (vs. 23) ... so God *exchanged* them over to disgraceful passions and unnatural sexual desires (vs. 26)
 - **Bad Deal #2** - They *dishonored* God (vs. 21) ... so God let them *dishonor* themselves (vs. 24)
 - **Bad Deal #3:** they *did not see fit* to acknowledge God (vs. 28) ... so God gave them up to an *unfit mind*" (vs. 28)

3. *When God gives us what we want it reveals the total spiritual brokenness of all mankind (23-31)*

- **Sin has caused a disordered world**
 - (vs. 23-28) That's _____ **disorder**
 - (vs. 29-30) They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness (greed), malice (wickedness). That's _____ **disorder**
 - They are full of envy, murder, strife (quarrels), deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, slanderers, That's _____ **disorder**
 - haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, That's _____ **disorder**
 - disobedient to parents, foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. That's _____ **disorder**
- **It's what theologians call "the doctrine of _____."** It doesn't mean we are all as bad as we could be, but rejection of God at the center corrupted every part of our lives.

Truth Into Action:

- Remember that broken worship will always be revealed in our thinking and our behavior.
- Believe that Jesus came to fix your thinking and your behavior so that you might worship him alone.

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- In what ways have you put creation (someone or something) in the place of God your Creator?
- How can we pray for you?



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk

Warm Up: Tell a story of you getting something you really wanted only to be greatly disappointed in the end.

1. Paul talks about well-educated people who are intelligent but not wise. What is the difference between being smart and having intelligence versus being wise and knowing how to live in obedience to God?
2. In what ways have you put creation (someone or something) in the place of God your Creator? Why do we need a constant reminder about this issue?
3. What is the difference between someone who struggles against sinful temptation they know is wrong and want to defeat versus someone who gives in to sin, indulges it, becomes proud of it, and encourages others also to sin?