

Romans 1:23 - Rationalized Religious Substitution.

- Theme: Mankind rationalizes their rejection of God into substituting God with man-made religion.
- I. Mankind Sets Aside God and His Glory - Romans 1:23a.
 - A. God is Glorious.
 - B. God is Incorruptible (Psalm 90:2).
 - C. Mankind Robs God of Both.
- II. Mankind Substitutes God's Glory with Man-made Religion - Romans 1:23b.
 - A. Mankind Makes Humans into gods (Exodus 20:4, 5).
 - B. Mankind makes animals into gods (Exodus 32:8; Isaiah 44:9-20).
 - C. This Fallen, Rationalized Religious Substitution is seen in:
 - 1. Anthropology.
 - 2. Psychology.

Conclusion.

- Are you rationalizing or substituting God in any way?

Questions for Thought and Discussion.

1. From this message, what was the truth that stuck out the most to you?
2. How does man's rejection and rationalization about God work out in practice? Explain what takes place.
3. what does it mean that God is "incorruptible / uncorruptible?"
4. What kind of gods does mankind create for himself?
5. Who do these gods ultimate end up serving?
6. What are some repressed and substituted things that many people in our world deal with?
7. Are you repressing, rationalizing and substituting anything about God and His truth?

Thoughts for Prayer.

1. Pray that God would help us all at Grace to always receive God and His truth and not rationalize it away nor substitute it.
2. Pray that God would help us all at Grace to see God as He is by all of us being in His Word and meditating on it often.
3. Pray that we would deal Biblically with repressed thoughts.