

Romans 1:25 - The Reason for the Wrong and the Way to Right.

- Theme: God alone deserves our worship (Ge 3:4, 5).
- I. God Wants Us to Understand the Essential Truth about Man - the Reason for All the Wrong - Romans 1:25a.
- A. Mankind Exchanges the Truth of God for a Lie - Rejecting God's truth is unbelief.
1. We are always believing someone; non-belief is nonexistent.
 2. Rejecting God and His words about reality (unbelief) is a problem for two reasons:
 - a. Rejecting the truth about God is a highhanded insult against God; it dishonors Him.
 - b. Rejecting the truth about God begins the process of our own disintegration.
 3. We must work to find out what is true according to God, resolutely reject any deviation from it, and cling to those things no matter what happens in our lives.
- B. Mankind Worships and Serves the Creature More Than the Creator (Ezekiel 14:1-5; James 4:1).
- II. God Wants Us to Understand the Essential Truth about God - the Way to Right - Romans 1:25b.
- A. God is Truth (John 14:6; 8:44).
- B. God is the Creator (Psalm 8 [especially 8:4]; 2 Corinthians 4:17, 18).
- C. God is Blessed.
- D. God is Eternal.

Conclusion.

- The thing that will help us in the sea of filth of mankind is true worship of the true God.

Questions for Thought and Discussion.

1. From this message, what was the truth that stuck out the most to you?
2. What was the heart of Adam's sin in the Garden of Eden? Was it merely eating a forbidden fruit?
3. What or whom did Adam really desire to put in the place of God?
4. What kinds of ideas do we tend to suppress or repress?

5. What is the definition of "belief" in the notes?
6. Does believing something to be true make it true? Back up your answer.
7. What is the definition of "unbelief" in the notes?
8. What are the two reasons that rejecting God and His truth are problems?
9. What kinds of problems might an adult experience in life if he insists that the story of Santa Claus is true (suppose he leaves a plate of cookies for Santa, shares with others his excitement about getting presents from Santa, sits on Santa's lap in the mall to tell him what he wants for Christmas, etc.)?
10. What kinds of problems might a Christian experience in life if he insists that God is not like what He says He is like in the Bible (suppose he believes that God does not love him, God will not keep His promise, God is not in control of all things, etc.)?
11. What untrue statements about God are you most prone to be tempted with when life is hard (doubting God loves you, etc.)?
12. What must we learn to do when those untrue statements about God bombard our minds during hard times?
13. How has your worship agenda (your heart agenda) affected you and the way you think and act toward those around you?
14. What are some of the great truths about God in Psalm 145?
15. What do you think is God's purpose of putting "Who is blessed forever. Amen" in this passage?
16. At what times are we most tempted to forget Who God is?

Thoughts for Prayer.

1. Pray that God would help us all at Grace to recognize our own idols of our hearts, and turn from them to worship only the Lord.
2. Pray that God would help us all at Grace to meditate on Biblical truth about God.
3. Pray that God would help us all at Grace to believe truth about God.
4. Pray that God would help us all at Grace to submit to God's answers to our prayers.