

POINT 4: SIN ALWAYS EXPANDS BEYOND THE ORIGINAL CHOICE

Romans 1:28 And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. **29** They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, **30** slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, **31** foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. **ESV**

6) The second dimension of depravity is _____.

Romans 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. **KJV**

7) The third, and ultimate, dimension of depravity is the _____ of sin.

- a.** Culture doesn't always convince us that sin is right. Sometimes it simply teaches us to _____ what we once knew was wrong.

8) The further people move from God, the more _____ their thinking becomes. Eventually they don't merely reject truth—they _____ it.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Why do you think God's judgment is sometimes seen in what He permits rather than what He directly does?
2. Why is it important to remember that all sin separates us from God, not just the sins society tends to emphasize?

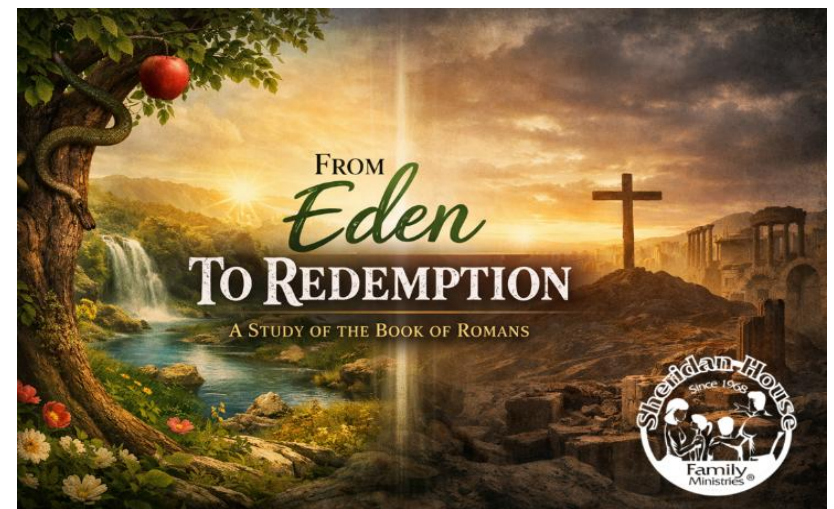


A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF ROMANS

Chapter 1:18-32

WHEN WE EXCHANGE THE TRUTH

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POINT 1: GOD HAS MADE HIMSELF KNOWN

Romans 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. **19** For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. **20** For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. **ESV**

- 1) _____ doesn't begin with a lack of evidence—the first step begins with the suppression of truth!

Psalms 19:1 The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. **2** Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known.

POINT 2: THE FOOLISH EXCHANGE

Romans 1:21 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. **22** Claiming to be wise, they became fools, **23** and **exchanged** the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. **ESV**

- 2) Spiritual decline starts with _____.
A heart that stops thanking God eventually _____ from God.

Romans 1:22 Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools. **NLT**

- 3) The second step of unbelief is _____ the truth to fit our own desires.

POINT 3: GOD GIVES PEOPLE OVER TO THEIR CHOICES

Romans 1:24 Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, **25** because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. **ESV**

- 4) The third step of unbelief is a _____ of life.

Romans 1:26 For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; **27** and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error. **28** And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. **ESV**

- 5) There are three dimensions of depravity—this is the first, “_____.”