

“When We Exchange the Truth For a Lie” (Part 2)
Romans 1:26-32 & John 15:5-11

- Romans 1:28 “Given up to a debased mind”: In totally rejecting God (His grace, His design, His Word, His gospel, His love) they find God in totality to be worthless and fully reject all that is good, holy, and righteous.
- Romans 1:32 “Approve of evil”: To justify our own evil and sin is wicked but to encourage others to join you in death is the pinnacle of “being given over by God”.
- Knowing your enemy: Evil
 - Evil can disguise itself as something from Christ or as something good (2 Corinthians 11:13-15).
 - Evil can use Scripture to try to confuse us or convince us of lies (Matthew 4:5-6; Genesis 3:1-5).
 - Evil can appear to be loving, good, and right from man’s point of view, but leads to death (Proverbs 14:12).
 - We are supposed to abhor what is evil and cling to what is good (Romans 12:9).
 - The truth of God’s Word exposes evil and shows what is good (John 3:19-20).
- Knowing your enemy: Sin
 - Every sin to a Holy God is serious and wicked (Romans 3:23 & 6:23).
 - Every sin is a breaking of the moral law of God (James 2:10).
 - When we sin we are breaking God’s holy standard (Matthew 5:48).
 - Every sin is rebellion against God (Ephesians 5:6-8).
 - There is no such thing as a sin that doesn’t matter, (James 2:10) but there is differing severity to sin (John 19:11; Luke 12:47-48).
- The 4 battlefields of putting our sin to death (Colossians 3:5) and abhorring evil (Romans 12:9).
 - Killing DISCONTENTMENT: This is dissatisfaction with God that carries over into unhappiness with one’s lot in life. It is a failure to trust God with where He has placed you and what He is doing. It is daydreaming about how much better life would be in a different place, in a different position, or with a different person.
 - True CONTENTMENT: It cannot be found in the limited supplies of this fallen and changing world. Nor can it be found in the inadequacies of other people. (Philippians 1:21; 3:7-8; 4:11-13; 1 Timothy 6:6-8 & 11; Matthew 16:24-26; 2 Corinthians 12:10).
 - Killing IMPATIENCE: It is the failure to wait upon God in active obedience. We are not to act without His Word in mind. Our flesh wants to act impulsively (without forethought). “God is never concerned about expediency, He is concerned with our sanctification.” (R.C. Sproul)
 - True PATIENCE: Waiting on the Lord requires an acceptance of painful circumstances until God changes the circumstances. The Christian endures hardships with great patience (Isaiah 40:31; Psalm 37:3-8; Psalm 23:1-6; Colossians 3:12).

Worship: What a Friend We Have in Jesus (Various Artists) It Is Well (Sovereign Grace Music)
How Deep (Kings Kaleidoscope) **Closing Song:** So I Will Trust You (Sovereign Grace Music)