The Foolish Exchange...!

Romans 1:24-32

• The foolish exchange determines <u>WHO</u> we <u>WORSHIP</u> and <u>WHO</u> we <u>SERVE</u> (v.25)

• The foolish exchange <u>REORIENTS</u> the <u>NATURAL ORDER</u> of our lives (vv.24, 26–28)

• The foolish exchange determines <u>WHERE</u> we <u>SPEND ETERNITY</u> (v.32)

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

- What can we learn about God in this foolish exchange (1:25)? (Deut 32:4, Psalm 11:7, John 17:25, 1 John 2:1, Rev. 4:11, 16:5)
- 2. Do you see a contradiction between God's wrath (Romans 1:24, 26-29) of abandonment (removing restraint) and Romans 2:4? Are there other examples in scripture where we see God's wrath being "turned-over" in this way? (Judges 16:18-22, Psalm 81:7-13, Proverbs 1:23-31)
- 3. How would you explain God's wrath (specifically, that "God gave them up") to an unbeliever? Do you have favorite verses that come to mind? (Suggestions; Ephesians 2:1-5, John 3:36, Romans 5:8-9, 6:3, 9:22-23, Psalm 53:1-3)
- 4. What comes to mind when you think about unrestrained sin, and the "due penalty for their error" Paul talks about in Romans 1:27? Is this impacting your life right now? Discuss examples. If appropriate, take time to pray together for specific trials currently in your life.
- 5. Does the idea of God's wrath motivate you to share the gospel? Does it give you more compassion for people outside the faith?



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