

Romans 1:21-23

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1) *1:21* People refuse to accept the way of God and suffer the inevitable result.
- 2) *1:21* Four ways man demonstrates rejection of God:
 - Fail to honor God as God
Man was created to glorify God (Leviticus 10:3; 1 Chronicles 16:24–29; Psalm 148; Romans 15:5–6); to fail to give God glory is therefore the ultimate affront.
 - Fail to give thanks to God
Fallen man fails to thank God because he fails to even acknowledge His existence.
 - Futile speculations
Refusing God and His truth, man is doomed to futile quests for wisdom through human speculation that only lead to falsehood and still greater unbelief.
 - Foolish Dark Heart
When man surrenders relationship with God, he is exchanging God for darkness. What accompanies that darkness is immorality.
- 3) *1:22* Any attempt to be wise apart from God makes us just the opposite and removes the potential of what could have been.
- 4) *1:22* David declared that men who deny God’s truth are fools (Psalm 14:1; 53:1). That very same foolishness deludes them into thinking they are wise.
- 5) *1:23* Because we are built to worship, we will worship...if not the true God, then another god of our own design.
- 6) *1:23* Since time began, man has developed countless systems to replace the truth and worship of God.

GREEK WORDS

Doxazō (dox-ad'-zo)—to render (or esteem) glorious :- (make) glorify (-ious), honor, magnify
 Mataioō (mat-ah-yo'-o)—to render (become) foolish, (moral) wicked or idolatrous :- become vain
 Moraine (mo-rah'ee-no)—to become insipid; to make (act) as a simpleton :- become fool, make foolish, lose savor
 Allassō (al-las'-so)—to make different :- change

HEBREW WORDS

Kâbad (kaw-bad')—a primitive root; to be heavy; causative to make weighty, glorify

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