

What's Wrong with this World?

Romans 1:18-32



Recent News

- ISIS officially claims responsibility for Jakarta blasts
- Malaysian man planning suicide bombing mission in Kuala Lumpur arrested
- Singaporean jailed in Australia for money laundering
- 27 radicalised Bangladeshis arrested in Singapore under Internal Security Act: MHA
- Another cat found dead in Yishun, 20th cat death in the estate since September
- Man who put 'love potion' into woman's water bottle fined \$1,500
- Loan sharks target pre-school at The Pinnacle@Duxton in Tanjong Pagar

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Which Gospel brought us to Christianity?

The kind of Gospel presented determines the kind of response of the sinner makes, and consequently, the kind of Christian he becomes.

“Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.”

2 Cor 7:10

Who Needs a Parachute?

First Man

- Improve your flight
- More comfortable
- More enjoyable
- Ridiculed
- Turbulence
- Becomes disillusioned
- Feels he has been lied to

Who Needs a Parachute?

Second Man

- Aware of his situation / condition
- To escape danger
- To be saved from dying
- Not troubled by ridicule or discomfort
- Grateful for parachute
- Experiences peace and joy

“Lower the Law and you dim the light by which man perceives his guilt. This is a very serious loss to the sinner, rather than a gain; for it lessens the likelihood of his conviction and conversion...I say you have deprived the gospel of its ablest auxiliary (most powerful weapon) when you have set aside the Law. You have taken away from it the schoolmaster that is to bring men to Christ....they will never accept grace till they tremble before a just and holy Law.” – **Charles Spurgeon**

“Before I can preach love, mercy and grace, I must preach sin, Law and judgment.....Preach 90 percent Law and 10 percent grace.” – **John Wesley**

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

19 because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.

20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

22 Professing to be wise, they became fools,

[NKJV]

23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

24 Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,

25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

26 For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.

27 Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;

29 being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers,

30 backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

31 undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful;

32 who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

1. Suppressed the Truth

- Suppressed the evidence of the existence of God which God has made plain to them (v19)
- God's eternal power and divine nature clearly seen since the creation of the world (v20)
- Although they knew God, they neither glorified Him nor gave thanks to Him (v21)
- Psalm 19:1
- Men are without excuse (v20)

1. Suppressed the Truth

Consequences:

- Thinking became futile (v21)
- Foolish hearts darkened, became fools (v21-22)
- Turned to idolatry (v23)
- God gave them over to sexual impurity and degrading of their bodies with one another (v24)

2. Exchanged the Truth

- Exchanged the truth of God for a lie (v25)
- Exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image made like corruptible man and birds and animals and reptiles (v23)
- Worshipped and served created things rather than the Creator (v25)

2. Exchanged the Truth

Consequences:

- God gave them over to vile, degrading passions (v26)
- Women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones (v26)
- Men inflamed with lust for one another and committed indecent acts with other men (v27)

3. Rejected the Truth

- Did not want to retain the knowledge of God (v28)

Consequences:

- God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done (v28)
- List of 22 outworkings of a depraved mind (v29-31)
- Commit spiritual suicide (v32)
- Create a climate for sin to flourish (v32)