

“A Deceptive Exchange”

Text: Romans 1:28-32

Scripture reading: Ephesians 5:1-21

I. The judgment of dishonorable hearts – vv. 24-25

II. The judgment of degrading passions – vv. 26-27 - (last week)

III. The judgment of depraved minds – vv. 28-32

A) What depraved minds are filled with – vv. 28-29a (Pr. 6:16-19; Rom. 3:13)

B) What depraved minds act upon – vv. 29b-31

C) What depraved minds are committed to – vs. 32 (I Tim. 1:15-16)

Conclusion: Why the Christian can rejoice in God’s wrath?

1) God’s wrath reveals His _____

2) God’s wrath guarantees His _____

3) God’s wrath confirms His _____

“Hell is a condition in which life is lived away from God and all the restraints of God’s holiness.”

-Martin Lloyd-Jones

SERMON QUOTES:

A) What depraved minds are filled with

Leon Morris, focusing the word acknowledge,

“...they refused to have God in their knowledge. They thrust Him out of their circle of acquaintance. Their ignorance of God was not due to a lack of opportunity to know Him, but to their deliberate refusal. They preferred other things to the knowledge of God.”

James Dunn, *“It was not simply a case of humans being distracted by something else and losing sight of God; they gave God their consideration, and concluded that God was unnecessary to their living.”*

B) What depraved minds act upon

Robert Haldane,

“...the persons so described were not destitute of understanding as to the things of this world, ...yet in a moral sense, or as respects the things of God they were unintelligent or stupid.”

John Murray,

“In any case, as we scan the whole list, we cannot but be impressed with the apostle’s insight into the depravity of human nature as apostatized from God, the severity of his assessment of these moral conditions, and the breadth of his knowledge respecting the concrete ways in which human depravity came to expression.”