LIFE 425 church

ROMANS: THE GOSPEL CHANGES EVERYTHING

WEEK 3 Notes: "When We Reject God"

Scripture Passage: (Romans 1:18-32)

Big Idea: Sin begins when humanity exchanges God's truth for a lie.

Key Verse: "The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness." — Romans 1:18

Three Great Exchanges

1. We Exchange God's Glory — Romans 1:21–23

Instead of worshiping the Creator, humanity worships created things. An idol is anything you look to for what only God can provide: identity, security, hope, joy, or peace.

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2. God Gives Them Over — Romans 1:24–27

God's judgment often allows people to experience the consequences of the path they have chosen.

Remember: Sin promises freedom. Sin always produces slavery.

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3. We Exchange Truth for a Lie — Romans 1:28–32

The lie is, "Life works better without God." Every temptation is another version of the oldest lie: "You don't need God. You know what's best. You'll be happier your own way."

Greek word: ἤλλαξαν (*ēllaxan*) — "exchanged." To trade away something valuable for something less valuable.

Personal Reflection

- What captures my imagination most?
- What do I fear losing the most?
- Where do I instinctively run when life falls apart?

The Gospel: The bad news prepares us for the Good News. Jesus took our judgment, bore our sin, gives His righteousness, and offers new life.

Final Question: Will I keep believing the lie, or will I trust the One who is the Truth?