

Fresh out of Excuses

Romans 1:18-23

Introduction:

1st - We choke on the idea of admitting our sin because we dread the pain of _____ judgment.

2nd - We dread the pain of the judgment that comes from other _____.

3rd - We choke on admitting sin because we dread the pain of judgment from a _ _____.

Hebrews 9:27 It is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment

#1 - The _____ game.

#2 - The ___-_____ God game.

#3 - The _____ God game.

#4 - The _____ game.

#1. God has _____ Himself clearly *to all human beings everywhere*

*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 that which is known about God is evident **within** them; for God made it evident to them.*

*20) For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are **without excuse.***

God is good

*Acts 14:15 a living God who made the heaven and the earth... did not leave Himself without a witness, in that He did **good** and gave you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons satisfying your hearts with food and gladness*

God is in control

Acts 17:22 The God who made the World and all things in it... since He is Lord of heaven and earth...having determined their appointed times

Psalm 19:1 *The heavens are telling of the glory of God and their expanse is declaring the work of his hands*

#2. Unbelievers commit the criminal act of _____ the revelation of God

1st - Unbelievers _____ the truth

18c ...men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness

2nd - Unbelievers _____ the truth

21a For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks;

3rd - Unbelievers _____ the truth

One - Philosophical Theories

21 but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

22 Professing to be wise, they became fools,

Two - Religion

23 and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.

- **There are two kinds of idolatry:**
_____ idolatry & _____ idolatry.

Exodus 20:3 You shall have no other gods before Me. 4 You shall no make for yourself an idol or any likeness

Why do unbelievers suppress the truth?

John 3:19 **The light has come into the world and men loved the darkness rather than the light; because their deeds were evil.**

#3. Suppressing the revelation of God continually _____ the wrath of God

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

- Unbelievers don't have a _____ problem,
they only have an _____ problem.
- The cry of the unbeliever will not be
“**I didn't _____**” but “**I wouldn't _____ !**”

Challenging thoughts during closing prayer:

1-Is anyone here suppressing the truth?

2-Don't be intimidated by the **elaborate** and **sophisticated** fabrications of **unbelievers**.

3- **Be praying for and getting close to unbelievers to show them what is like when you bow down and follow Jesus.**

4-What about those who do respond to the clues of creation, but no one tells them the Gospel; will they make it?

5-God loved you so much, He chose you; you're special

Col. 2:6 As you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him

For next time; read Romans 1:24-32, and answer the question, What does it mean when God gives up?