



## Sermon Notes – Steve Southards – 10/8/2023

### ***Romans 1:7***

To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

### ***Romans 1:21-23, 25***

For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.

### ***Romans 1:25***

They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

### **2 Bad Trades:**

**Exchange what is Eternal for something that is Temporary.**

**Exchange worship of the Creator for worship of the Creation.**

Pastor Tim Keller

“The main problem of our heart is not so much desires for bad things, but our over-desires for good things, our turning of created, good things into gods, objects of our worship and service. And the worst thing that can happen to us is that we are given what our hearts over-desire.”

### ***Romans 1:29-31***

They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy.

### ***Romans 2:1-2***

You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things.

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You may think you can condemn such people, but you are just as bad, and you have no excuse! When you say they are wicked and should be punished, you are condemning yourself, for you who judge others do these very same things.

**If you are filled with your own righteousness, there is no room for God's grace.**

**Romans 3:23-24**

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace.

Grace is an unmerited favor that makes us right with God and empowers us to do His will.

***Romans 3:24-26***

...through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

**I WAS >> THEN GOD >> ONLY BY GRACE**