

TBC SERMON NOTES & STUDY

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# The Anatomy of UNBELIEF

Romans 1:19-23

**Sermon Text:**

**Romans 1:19-23 (NASB)**

<sup>19</sup> because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. <sup>22</sup> Professing to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup> 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.

**Sermon Outline:**

**4 Ways Mankind Suppresses the Truth about God**

1. **Man Denies the Witness of Creation (vs. 19-20)**
2. **Man Disrespects the Worth of the Creator (vs. 21a)**
3. **Man Devises Worthless Beliefs (vs. 21b-22)**
4. **Man Displaces the Worship of God (vs. 23)**

**Shepherding Group Discussion:**

1. Do you have a desire to share the gospel? Why or why not?
2. Why is Paul eager to share the gospel?
3. Why is the truth about the wrath of God an urgent message?
4. Who needs to hear the gospel of God's righteousness?
5. Considering the reception of Jesus and His teaching in the world, what should we expect in our evangelism?
6. How does your own personal testimony of salvation encourage you in sharing the gospel?
7. Explain how creation renders all mankind without excuse.
8. What aspects of God's person are knowable through creation?
9. Explain the difference between general revelation and special revelation (cf. Psalm 19).
10. How is the unbelief of mankind an act of his will?
11. Why is God due thankfulness from every person?
12. What does false worship reveal about the heart of man?
13. How does man's object of false worship condemn him?