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**"The God You Long For"**

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### Romans 1:16-25 **"Does God Exist?"**

"What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us. For we tend by a secret law of the soul to move toward our mental image of God" - A.W. Tozer (Heb11:6; Jer.29:11, 13)

### Romans 1:16-25

#### **Everyone Knows There Is A God:**

- Creation vv19-20 (Ps.19:1-6)  
Cosmological argument (Cause & effect)  
Teleological argument (Order & design/Fine tuning)
- Conscience V18 suppress the truth v25 exchange the truth (Rom 2:14-15)

#### **Everyone Suppresses & Exchanges This Truth:**

Two Ways We Do This:

- Deny His Existence (literal & practical atheism) v21  
(Ps.14:1; Ps.10:4; Ps.92:4)
- Redefine His Existence v25 ("I believe in a God like this...")  
Ex.20:3-8

#### **How To Overcome This Tendency & Know God:**

- Pray for a more vivid view of God. (Job 42:5; Heb. 11:6; Jer. 29:13; Eph. 1:16-19; Pro.2:1-6)
- Practice seeing everything as a gift from God and a pointer to God. (v21 honor Him as God & give thanks to Him; 1Cor. 10:31; 1Tim4:4, 6:17; James 1:17)

- Let the ultimate revelation of God's passion for you captivate your heart. (Vv16-17; Matt.1:23; John 3:16)



# Growing

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- 1) “What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”- (A.W. Tozer) What are your thoughts on this quote as it relates to our New Year and our New Teaching Series? What are the promise and the premise of Hebrews 11:6?
- 2) Read Romans 1:16-25. What stands out to you? In answering the question: Does God Exist? Based on our text how can we say: “Everyone knows there is a God?” Everyone has the revelation of Creation & conscience. How does Ps.19:1-6 & Rom.2:14-15 help us to better understand this?
- 3) You can’t suppress and exchange something unless you’ve got it. What is it that everyone has? What are the two ways we suppress & exchange the truth of God (Rom. 1:21, 25)? What does it mean to know God and yet not honor God or give thanks to Him (v21)? Paraphrase v25 into your own words.
- 4) Why is praying for a more vivid view of God a great way to begin in overcoming our tendency to suppress & exchange the truth about God (Heb. 11:6; Jer. 29:13; Eph. 1:16-19; Pro.2:1-6)? How does a more vivid view of God give you perspective, peace, and power to persevere (note: Job 42:5)?
- 5) Why is it important to practice seeing everything as a gift from God and a pointer to God (v21; 1Cor. 10:31; 1Tim4:4, 6:17; James 1:17)? What is the ultimate revelation of God’s passion for you (vv16-17)? If it captivates your heart how will it change the way you live your life? Pray Ephesians 1:16-19.