

## ***Eleutheros Newsletter***

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### **News of Interest**

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[\*A Portrait of Jesus\*](#) looks at our great Savior for Who He is and what He has done (and will do) from eternity past to eternity future.

[\*The Case for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ\*](#) presents clear and important evidence for our Lord's resurrection, the greatest event in all of history.

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## Thoughts on Romans

**1:25** *Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, Who is blessed forever. Amen.*

In verse 22 Paul declares that man, as a result of his sin, *professes himself to be wise*. This “wisdom” causes delusion. The verb “changed” literally means to know what is right but to decide to pervert the truth. The ancient philosophers and religious leaders had long before Paul’s day deliberately decided to take whatever attitude on things they wanted to, rather than taking heed to the *truth of God*.

Here are things that have **always** been true: 1. The Bible is absolutely true in every way (*Thy Word is truth—[John 17:17b](#)*) and is the WRITTEN truth. 2. Jesus is also absolutely true in every way (*I am the way, the truth, and the life—[John 14:6a](#)*) and is the INCARNATE truth. By “incarnate” we mean Jesus, the Son of God, became man and has not only set the standard but IS the standard and has eternally lived up to the standard of absolute truth!

The deliberate perversions of man cause him to *worship and serve the creature more than the Creator*. God made it clear that worship belongs only to Him: *And God spoke all these words, saying, I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before Me ([Exodus 20:1-3](#))*.

Ever since Adam and Eve fell and sinned in the garden of Eden, man has defiantly and arrogantly made other gods or glorified themselves. Obviously, God hates this kind of pride and blasphemy. Consider the following: *Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth; for the Lord is a God of knowledge ([I Samuel 2:3](#)). The fear of the Lord is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate ([Proverbs 8:13](#)). And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible ([Isaiah 13:11](#))*. Check these New Testament verses as well: [I Corinthians 5:2,6](#); [10:12](#); [Galatians 6:3](#); [II Timothy 3:2](#); [James 4:6](#); [I John 2:16](#)).

How awful it is to realize man’s arrogance! He is the creature and God is the Creator!

Even more amazing, consider the humility that our Savior Jesus Christ manifested while on this earth! First, He submitted to be conceived in the womb of the virgin Mary, spending nine months in her womb! Then He labored thirty years as a carpenter’s son in a poorly regarded town called Nazareth! Then he submitted to be baptized and was tempted by Satan for forty days! After that, He chose twelve seemingly unqualified disciples to follow Him! And then, having ministered to many thousands of people while having “no place to lay His head” ([Matthew 8:20](#)) He was betrayed by a disciple, arrested, condemned to death, brutally beaten, crowned with thorns, scorned, spit upon, and crucified!

Paul summarizes this in [Philippians 2:5-8](#): *Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*

He surely is *blessed forever!*

We would do well to contrast our own arrogance with our Lord's humility! Perhaps this old hymn will help:

*There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus—  
No, not one! No, not one!  
None else could heal all our soul's diseases—  
No, not one! No, not one!*

*No friend like Him is so high and holy—  
No, not one! No not one!  
And yet no friend is so meek and lowly—  
No, not one! No, not one!*

*Jesus know all about our struggles;  
He will guide till the day is done;  
There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus—  
No, not one! No, not one!*

**No, Not One!**  
Johnson Oatman

We will continue these thoughts from Romans in next month's newsletter.