

Weighty Exchanges

A weighted backpack

And this room is filling with water...

An offer to exchange for a "life preserver"

Three exchanges: 1 that kills, and 2 that give life

- Romans 1:21-25
- John 3:16
- Acts 14:15

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Romans 1:21-23

²¹ For although we knew God, we neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but *our* thinking became futile and *our* foolish hearts were darkened.

²² Although we claimed to be wise, we became fools

²³ and **exchanged** the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.

Sin:

**giving up God, turning down God,
or letting go of God**

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Romans 1:24-25

²⁴ Therefore God gave *us* over in the sinful desires of *our* hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of *our* bodies with one another. ²⁵ We **exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator**—who is forever praised. Amen.

**Sin:
giving up God, turning down God,
or letting go of God**

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Three Exchanges

Sin:
we let go of God **to get death**

God's Grace:

Christian Faith:

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John 3:16

For God so loved the world
that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him
shall not perish but have eternal life.

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Three Exchanges

Sin:

we let go of God to get death

God's Grace:

the Son of God let go of His life to give us Life

Christian Faith:

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Acts 14:15

We are bringing you **good news**.

Turn away from these worthless things.

Turn to the living God.

He is the one who made the heavens and the earth and the sea. He made everything in them.

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Three Exchanges

Sin:

we let go of God **to get death**

God's Grace:

the Son of God let go of His life **to give us Life**

Christian Faith:

let go of death to get **Life in the Son of God**

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Exchanges

Sin:

we let go of God to get death

Good Friday:

God's Grace:

the Son of God let go of His life to give us Life

The Good News of Christianity:

let go of death to get Life in the Son of God

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Acts 14:15

We are bringing you **good news**.

Turn away from these worthless things.

Turn to the living God *through faith Jesus Christ*.

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