

Exchange

Romans 1:21-25: the exchange the kills

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. 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

Sin: we let go of God to get death

John 3:16: the exchange that offers life

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.

God's grace: the Son of God let go of His life to give us Life

Acts 14:15: the exchange that gives us life

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.

Christian faith: let go of death, to get Life in the Son of God

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

The **Good News of Christianity**: we are invited to let go of death, to get Life in the Son of God by faith

Acts 14:15

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

Reflection Questions and Conversation Starters

What makes "Good Friday" good?

What makes "Good Friday" good for you?