

Wheelersburg Baptist Church 11/19/2023
Romans 1:18-25 “When We Fail to Give Thanks”

I. When we fail to give thanks, it’s an indication of a bigger

_____.

A. It all began with the sin of _____ (18-20).

B. This led to the sin of _____ (21).

C. This led to the sin of _____ (22-23).

1. In the beginning, God _____ man.

2. Since the fall, man has tried to _____ God.

D. This led to the sin of _____ (24).

E. This led to the sin of _____ (25).

II. When we fail to give thanks, it’s an evidence that we need the

_____.

A. We need to come to grips with our _____ (Rom. 1:18-3:20).

B. We need to come to grips with what God has done for _____ (Rom. 3:21-11:36).

C. We need to respond by giving God our thanks and our _____ (12:1-2).

Make It Personal: Let’s be a people who express _____.

Community Group Discussion:

1. In this morning’s message we began to prepare for Thanksgiving week with a sermon entitled, “*When We Fail to Give Thanks*,” from Romans 1:18-25. This is a familiar text for most of us, but so vital. After reading the passage again, discuss what stands out most.

2. We learn several things about thanksgiving from this passage. Such as? Specifically, we see that the lack of thanksgiving is a symptom of a bigger problem. How so?

3. Verse 18 describes people who “suppress the truth.” What does that mean, and what specific truth do they suppress? What’s the connection between the suppression of truth and the lack of thanksgiving?

4. Verse 25 describes people who “worship the creature rather than the Creator.” What are some examples of this? What is God’s response when this happens, first as described in the rest of Romans chapter one, and then as described in Romans chapters two through eight?

5. Let’s respond by putting into practice the act of *thanks-giving*. Spend time as a group sharing the following. First, give thanks for blessings He’s sent into your life this year. Next, give thanks for evidences of His grace that you have seen Him demonstrate in the lives of other people.