



Series: Church Still Works
Purge the Imagination by the Beauty of God
Romans 11:33-36

I. Imaginative Religion

A. We fall to fables and stories

1. From the Ark to Babylon
 - From the Law to Ashtaroth
2. From the law to Pharisees and Sadducees
3. From the Gospel to idolatry

B. We develop a reprobate mind Romans 1:16-27

1. That's what Noah said, but I think.
2. That's what Moses said, but I believe
3. That's what the Bible says, however that doesn't match my truth.

Ultimately God surrendered them to a reprobate mind, and will do the same to all those that reject Him today.

C. Commercial Christianity Today

1. Seeker sensitive services
2. Ego centric preaching
3. Christ's name is on the jumbotron but we are the god we serve.

D. Without repentance we are destroyed. Revelation 2:20-21

Revelation 2:20–23 (KJV 1900)

²⁰Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. ²¹And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. ²²Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. ²³And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.

II. Look instead, to the beauty of God!

A. Go where He is

1. In His book

Psalms 119:103

Psalms 119:103–104 (KJV 1900)

¹⁰³ How sweet are thy words unto my taste!

Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

¹⁰⁴ Through thy precepts I get understanding:
Therefore I hate every false way.

2. In His house

Psalm 27:4

Psalm 27:4 (KJV 1900)

- ⁴ One *thing* have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after;
That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
To behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

3. In walking with Him daily

1 Peter 3:3-4

1 Peter 3:3-4 (KJV 1900)

³ Whose adorning let it not be that outward *adorning* of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; ⁴ But *let it be* the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, *even the ornament* of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

B. Follow Him

John 19:14-26

1. Lay aside preconceived notions
2. Lay aside what you think He is or want Him to be
3. And bask in the pure beauty of who He is!