

The Glorious Gospel for the Unashamed...The Truth that Transforms the World

"The Devolution of Man"

Romans 1:22-32

God Gives People Over to Impurity—vs. 22-25

1. When is God's wrath revealed in culture? Misplaced Worship

- Exchanging God's incorruptible glory to glory in themselves
- Exchanging the truth of God for the lie—Idolatry (Col. 3:5-6)

2. How is God's wrath revealed for this exchange? Misplaced Passion

- He gives them up to impurity- the consuming vile passions of the heart
- He gives them up to dishonor & debase their bodies among themselves

God Gives People Over to Inversion—vs. 26-27

1. What results from misplaced worship & passion? Identity confusion (1 Kings 14:24; 2 Kings 23:7; Is. 3:16; Rev. 2:20)

- Lesbian: Women exchange the natural use for what is against nature
- Homosexual: Men leave the natural use of women in lust for one another

2. What is exchanged for the natural? Inversion (Gen. 2:24; Lev. 20:13; 1 Cor. 6:13)

- "Homosexuality" ("men in a bed" / 1 Cor. 6:9)
- "Effeminate" ("soft to touch" / 1 Cor. 6:9)
- "Sodomy" ("devoted one")
- "Abomination" (Lev. 18:22; Deut. 22:5)
- "Lusting for strange flesh" (Jude 7)
- "Defilers of themselves" (1 Tim. 1:9)

3. How is God's wrath revealed? Receive the penalty of their sin (1 Cor. 6:11)

God Gives People Over to Depraved Minds—vs. 28-32

1. What characterizes a culture given over to a debased mind?

- Being filled with all: unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness
- Full of: envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness
- They are: whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, and unmerciful

2. What is the ultimate shame of a nation? Applaud those who practice evil