

MAN'S WICKEDNESS AND ITS CONSEQUENCES

(Romans 1:21-27)

- I. THE SALUTATION AND INTRODUCTION TO THE BOOK OF ROMANS (1:1-7)
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A. The IMMORAL Man Condemned before God (1:18-32)

- 1. God's WRATH Revealed (v. 18)
- 2. God's TRUTH Revealed (vv. 19-20)
- 3. Man's RESPONSE to God's Truth (1:21-23)

a. Rather than man _____, these verses describe man _____.

b. The average unbeliever digresses by...

..._____ God (v. 21a)

..._____ God by not giving Him the glory He deserves (v. 21b)

..._____ against God, and the heart is darkened (vv. 21c-22)

..._____ God through idolatry (v. 23)

c. All of the plural pronouns in verses 21-23 (*they, their*), places the _____ on human beings' and their poor _____, as well as their _____ attitude towards God.

4. The RESULTS of Man's Rejection of God's Truth (1:24-27)

- a. Because man chooses to _____ God in his self- _____, God gives him over to his own self- _____ behavior. (v. 24)

- b. The "lie" that man believes in place of the truth is that he is his _____, and he can _____ himself; it is the age-old lie that Satan used with Eve, "You will be like God." (v. 25, cf. Gen. 3:1-5)

- c. Paul described how the abandonment of God leads to self-degrading sexual behavior; even _____ with _____. (v. 26a)

- d. The word " _____ " (Gk. *phusikos*) here is in keeping with how God has designed men and women, and " _____ " refers to behavior that is contrary to how God has made us. (v. 26b, cf. Gen. 18:20ff; Lev. 18:22; 1 Cor. 6:9-10; Jude 1:7; Matt. 19:4-6)

- e. When an unbeliever has no sense of _____ or _____, anything goes; Paul described these relationships of _____ with _____ as being "shameful". (v. 27a)

- f. There is a stage in the _____ course when by God's law sin breeds more sin and it becomes its own _____ dead end, which ultimately brings about its own _____. (v. 27b, cf. Rom. 6:23; Gal. 6:7-8)