

1:24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

3. Man's Indulgence (v. 24-27)

V. 24 "Wherefore" = because of v. 21-23 actions have consequences
It's the law of sowing and reaping

The wrath of God is revealed (v. 18), not necessarily by judgment of fire and brimstone, but by giving them up. [see also 2 Chronicles 30:7; Acts 7:42]

God's 3 step program of giving them up

"God also gave them up...to dishonor their own bodies" (v. 24) BODY
"their own hearts...their own bodies...between themselves"
"God gave them up unto vile affections" (v. 26) SOUL
"God gave them over to a reprobate mind" (v. 28) SPIRIT

V. 25 "changed the truth of God into a lie"

held the truth in unrighteousness (v. 18d) NOW changed the truth into a lie

The LIE is that man is his own god = "worshipped and served the creation more than the Creator"

If man is his own god, he can do as he pleases

They made the 2nd commandment (emphasis on man) the 1st commandment (emphasis on God) Example: Luke 2:14

first: Glory to God in the highest

then: on earth peace, good will toward men.

"There can be no peace on earth unless there is glory to God in the highest"

Who you worship determines who you will please

V. 26 "even their women" = a society is at it's lowest when it's WOMEN are vile
God's "giving them up" was not 'gender specific'

They changed the truth of God....they changed the natural use

"against nature" - it's not natural

even animals through natural instinct know that female with female
doesn't work (go out to the barn)

V. 27 "receiving IN themselves" God has implanted a trigger for moral behavior
Gay Related Immune Deficiency Syndrome (GRIDS)
is now AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)