

1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;
 29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,
 30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,
 31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:
 32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

4. Mans Impenitence

V. 28 “a reprobate mind” reprobate = abandoned to error
 With moral perversion (v. 26-27) comes mental perversion

Three parts to this verse:

“they did not like to retain God in their knowledge” - the REASON for their anti-Godliness
 “God gave them over to a reprobate mind” - the RESPONSE to their anti- Godliness
 “to do those things which are not convenient” - the RESULT of their anti-Godliness
 convenient – proper or fitting

God gives up those who give Him up = righteous retribution (Proverbs 1:24-31)

V. 29 The result of God giving up on them is complete and thorough ungodliness.
 Twenty-three specific things are listed.

1. Ungodly in Character
2. Ungodly in Conduct
3. Ungodly in Conversation
4. Ungodly in Concepts
5. Ungodly in Companionships

unrighteousness (1)	evildoing or wrongdoing
fornication (2)	sexual sin (includes pre-marital and extra-marital)
wickedness (1)	
coveteousness (1)	gambling, buying
maliciousness (1)	desire to injure
full of envy (1)	
murder (2)	includes abortion
debate (2)	strife, contention/ discord (even among church members)
deceit (1)	crafty, misleading, manipulative
malignity (1)	wishing ill will
whisperers (3)	secret slanderers

- V. 30** backbiters (3) open slanderers
 haters of God (1)
 spiteful (1)
 proud (1) arrogant
 boasters (3)
 inventors of evil things (4)
 disobedient to parents (2)
- V. 31** without understanding (4)
 covenant breakers (2) promise breakers
 without natural affection (5)
 implacable (1) stubborn, incapable of giving in
 unmerciful (1) without pity
- V. 32** they know the PENALTY
 they know the PUNISHMENT
 they still PERFORM the sins
 they take PLEASURE in getting others to sin like them