

## ***SAME-SEX TRUTH***

Bible passages that speak specifically about homosexuality:

Genesis 19 (cf. Jude vv. 6-7)

Leviticus 18:22; 20:13

Romans 1:24-27

1 Corinthians 6:9-20

1 Timothy 1:8-11

### **Truths That Explain**

Romans 1:17-32

1. There is truth. (18)

2. There is right and un-right. (18)

3. There is justice. (18 ff.)

God's wrath is His calculated yet passionate response of just retribution for unrighteousness.

- Objects of God's wrath – People who disobey God and willfully resist Him (18)
- Experience of God's wrath – present and ultimate (18, 27, 32)

God's wrath ultimately results in eternal separation from God in hell. But there is also an immediate experience of the wrath of God. John 3:36 says, "He who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him." God executes His wrath presently by abandoning the sinner to his unrighteousness.

- Reasons for God's wrath (20-21)

The creatures disapprove and deny the Creator, making a deliberate choice to withhold the honor and gratitude He is due.

- Progression of God's immediate wrath – “God gave them up” (24, 26, 28)  
Judicial abandonment

This passage describes the outworking of unrighteousness to the extreme. Not everyone practices unrighteousness in the extreme, but everyone who rejects God is somewhere in this continuum of unrighteousness. “Sinful man is capable of committing all of them, but not every individual is necessarily guilty of every one.” (Expositor's Bible Commentary)

4. Same-sex ideas and desires originate in people's sinful hearts. (24-25)

5. Same-sex practices and acceptance of them becomes the norm in a Godless society. (28-32)

6. The One who administers justice provides the satisfaction of it. (32; 6:23)