

Wrath Expressed

Recap v. 18-23

Wrath Revealed (18)

God is full of wrath (presently) at all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men... specifically...

Truth Suppressed (19-20)

God's power/nature evident in creation

Glory Exchanged (21-23) –

Idolatry (worshipping created things)

1) God's Wrath on Idolatry is presently expressed in human disorder

Exchange → *Giving Over* → *Disorder*

23	24	24
25	26	26-27
28	28	28-32

a) 2 things given over

- Heart – v. 24-27
 - Lustful hearts → bodies degraded
 - Degrading passions → homosexual acts
- Mind – v. 28-32
 - Depraved mind → antisocial acts

b) No categorical difference between the Disorders

2) Homosexuality in itself is disordered humanity

- a) v. 24 - Impure
- b) v. 24 - Dishonored bodies
- c) v. 26, 27 – female, male...
- d) v. 26, 27 – unnatural
- e) v. 27 –indecent
- f) v. 27 – Error

3) Why is homosexuality specifically called out here?

Homosexuality is a graphic, vivid illustration of the single core sin of humanity – idolatry.

4) Jesus came to rescue us from the wrath of God

Praxis

1. "Idolatry" sounds foreign to us Westerners. Is there better language to use as we dialog with others about our basic problem?
2. How does the way Paul structures Rom 1:23-27 so similarly to v. 28-32 impact the way we deal with the sin of homosexuality?
3. Why is homosexuality a better illustration of man's idolatrous nature than adultery is? How are both better illustrations than stealing or murder?
4. "God gave them over" (v. 24, 26, 28) sounds ominous. For such ones is there any remedy? Consider Acts 7:41-43 + Rom 11:25-27, and Ps 81:11-16, Isa 55:6-7, Acts 3:19
5. Consider 2-3 items in v. 29-31. How do such things specifically "degrade" human society? Does being "reborn" in Christ restore us from such things? How?