# **Wrath Expressed**

#### **INTRO**

Truth Revealed (19-20)

- → Truth Suppressed (18)
  - → Glory Exchanged (21-23,25)
    - → Wrath Expressed (24,26,28)
      - → Shameful Acts (26-31)
        - → Judgment of God (2:2)

#### **Statements**

- 1) Homosexuality in itself is out of order
- 2) Homosexuality is a graphic illustration of idolatry

### **Implications**

- 1) Put homosexuality in its proper place
  Romans 3:9,19... (this is where Paul goes with it)
- 2) Proclaim the Gospel, not Morality Acts 3:19
- 3) Remember Your Rescue 1 Cor 6:11

# 4) Address the Issue

- 5) Encourage the Faint-Hearted
- 6) Be a Friend to Sinners
  - a) Befriend the Person, not their Persuasion
  - b) Make friendships about loving others
- 7) Don't Dance around the Edges

#### Praxis

- 1. What is your natural reaction to someone who says they are same-sex attracted? Evaluate that reaction by various Scripture principles and commands... Evaluate that reaction by the effect it may have on the person themselves?
- 2. How can you respond when you express the Bible's view of homosexuality, and you are accused of being hateful?
- Practice stating the Bible's true view of homosexuality in the most gracious, honest, to-the-heart-of-the-issue way possible...
- 4. What can you begin doing to cultivate a true, honest, non-project-type friendship with a non-believer in Christ? What will it cost you?
- 5. Thought Question: If 1:26-27, 29-31 represent expressions being "given over" in the wrath of God, why do Christians (who are not subject to wrath – 5:1, 8:1) still experience the effects of and temptations to such things? How does 8:18-25 help with this question?