

**"THE AVERAGE MAN ON THE STREET:  
Is Actually In The Gutter"**  
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Romans 1:18-32

## **I. THE WRATH OF A HOLY GOD**

### **A. What It Is Not**

1. It is not a \_\_\_\_\_.

### **B. What It Is**

1. It is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. It is how a \_\_\_\_\_ being \_\_\_\_\_ to sin.

### **C. Where It Is On Display (v. 18a)**

***"The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people..."***

1. ***"Is being revealed"*** is not referring to God \_\_\_\_\_ individuals for specific sins, but to the continual \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the cross.

## **II. THE PATH OF SINFUL HUMANITY**

### **A. What We Do (vv. 18b-23)**

***"...the godlessness and wickedness of people who suppress the truth by their wickedness since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them."***

1. You can't \_\_\_\_\_ what you don't \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. \_\_\_\_\_ theology: what can be known about God through observed facts and experiences, apart from divine revelation. It is knowledge of God acquired by simple observation, reason, and deduction.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ theology: what can be known about God through special, God-sourced revelation (i.e. scripture, dreams, visions, prophets, signs and wonders...)

***"For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse."***

***“For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.”***

2. This decision \_\_\_\_\_ humanity’s ability to \_\_\_\_\_.

***“Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.”***

3. This decision \_\_\_\_\_ humanity’s ability to \_\_\_\_\_.

## **B. What God Did (vv. 24-32)**

***“Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts...  
God gave them over to shameful lusts... He gave them over to a depraved mind...”***

1. This does not mean God ‘\_\_\_\_\_’. It means ‘God deliberately \_\_\_\_\_ them to \_\_\_\_\_.’

a. \_\_\_\_\_ impurity... (vv. 24, 26-27)

b. \_\_\_\_\_... (v. 25)

c. A laundry list of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_... (vv. 29-31)

d. They not only \_\_\_\_\_ these very things but also \_\_\_\_\_ of those who practice them. (v. 32)

It is important to understand what is happening in this passage. Paul is not claiming that every human being who does not believe the Gospel thinks and lives like this. Paul is using a rhetorical device as he is addressing an imaginary interlocuter. He is giving a general and sweeping view of corrupt humanity as a way of drawing his imaginary (and morally smug) reader to agree with Paul that “many in the world out there” are corrupt.

Next week, as we pick things up in the very next passage, Paul will spring the trap on that kind of thinking by showing that the morally superior interlocuter is under the identical condemnation!