

Romans 1:25 (NLT)

They traded the TRUTH about God for a LIE. So they worshiped and served the things God created instead of the Creator Himself, who is worthy of eternal praise! Amen.

Romans 1:28-29 (NLT)

Since they thought it foolish to acknowledge God, He abandoned them to their foolish thinking and let them do things that should never be done.

²⁹ Their lives became full of every kind of wickedness, sin, greed, hate, envy, murder, quarreling, deception, malicious behavior, and gossip.

Romans 1:30-31 (NLT)

They are backstabbers, haters of God, insolent, proud, and boastful. They invent new ways of sinning, and they disobey their parents. ³¹ They refuse to understand, break their promises, are heartless, and have no mercy.

Romans 1:32 (NLT)

They know God's justice requires that those who do these things deserve to die, yet they do them anyway. Worse yet, they encourage others to do them, too.

**God GAVE them
OVER**

Romans 1:26-32

From **IDOLATRY** to **IMMORALITY**
is just one short step. If man is his
own god, then he can do whatever
he pleases and **fulfill his DESIRES**
without fear of judgment. Wiersbe

Romans 1:18 (NIV)

The **WRATH** of God is being revealed
from heaven

against all the **godlessness** and
wickedness of men

who **SUPPRESS** the **TRUTH**

by their **wickedness...**

Romans 1:25 (NIV)

They **EXCHANGED** the **TRUTH** of God
for a **LIE**, and worshiped and served
CREATED things **RATHER** than
the **CREATOR** - who is forever praised.
Amen.

Man's **refusal** to **acknowledge** and
glorify God leads to a **downward path**:
first, **worthless thinking**; next, a **moral**
slide into depravity; and then,
religious stupidity... BKC

They Exchanged...

- the **TRUTH** of God for a **LIE**
- **NATURAL** relations for **UNNATURAL** ones

Just as **idolatry is unnatural**
(contrary to what **God intended**),
so too **homosexuality is contrary to**
nature in that it does **not represent** what
God INTENDED when he made men and
women with physical bodies that have **a**
NATURAL way of interacting with each
other and **NATURAL desires** for
each other. ESV

WRONG STATEMENTS

- homosexuality is **OK** as long as children are not involved
- a person does **not CHOOSE** to be a homosexual
- homosexuality is **OK** if it is between committed homosexuals

Careful OBSERVATIONS

- God does **NOT** make **Mistakes**
- Sin has **Distorted** and Perverted **God's Design for Sex**
- **Sin is Sin** homosexuality is the not the **WORST**

At its CORE Homosexuality is a...

- Rejection of **God's DESIGN**
- Rejection of **God's INTENT for Sex**

Matthew 19:4-5 (NLT)

Haven't you read the Scriptures?

Jesus replied. They record that from the beginning '**God MADE them MALE and FEMALE.**'⁵ And He said, 'This explains why **A MAN** leaves His father and mother and is **JOINED to His wife**, and the two are **UNITED into one.**'

→ You REAP what you SOW

²⁷ In the same way the men also abandoned
natural relations with women...

and **received** in themselves the **due penalty**
for their perversion.

Galatians 6:7-8 (NLT)

Don't be misled - **you cannot mock the justice of God.** You **will always harvest what you plant.** ⁸ Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit.

Galatians 6:9 (NLT)

So let's **not get tired** of doing
what is GOOD. At just the right time we
will reap a harvest of blessing
if we don't give up.

God does not cause this steady progression toward evil. Rather, when people **REJECT Him**, He allows them to live as they **CHOOSE**. God **GIVES them OVER** to experience the natural consequences of their sin. LAB

Romans 6:23 (ESV)

For the **WAGES** of sin is **DEATH**,
but the **FREE GIFT** of God
is eternal life **IN** Christ Jesus our Lord.

Because of men's **refusal** to **RETAIN** God
in their **knowledge**, either as **Creator**,
Sustainer, or **Deliverer**,
God GAVE them OVER to a
debased mind
to **commit a catalog** of other forms
of **wickedness**. McDonald

DOWNWARD SPIRAL... LAB

- **REJECT** God
- **MAKE UP** their own **IDEAS** of god
- **PURSUE** sin
- grow to **HATE** God
- Encourage **OTHERS** to Hate God
as well

→ You become **LIKE** that which
you **WORSHIP**

²⁶ ...God **GAVE** them **OVER**

When **TRUTH** is Repeatedly
REJECTED,
in time the ability to
Recognize and to **RECEIVE TRUTH**
is **IMPAIRED.** BKC

Hosea 9:10 (NLT)

The LORD says, “O Israel, when I first found you, it was like finding fresh grapes in the desert. When I saw your ancestors, it was like seeing the first ripe figs of the season.

But then **they deserted ME** for Baal-peor, giving themselves to that **shameful** idol. Soon **they became VILE**, as vile as the **god they WORSHIPED.**

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (NIV)

Do you not know that the wicked will **NOT** inherit the kingdom of God? **Do not be deceived:** Neither the **sexually immoral** nor **idolaters** nor **adulterers** nor **male prostitutes** nor **homosexual offenders**¹⁰ nor **thieves** nor the **greedy** nor **drunkards** nor **slanderers** nor **swindlers** will inherit the kingdom of God.

¹¹ And that is what **some of you WERE.**
BUT you were **WASHED,**
you were **SANCTIFIED,**
you were **JUSTIFIED**
in the **NAME** of the Lord Jesus Christ
and by the **Spirit** of our God.

Ephesians 2:4-5 (NET)

BUT GOD, being rich in mercy,
because of **His great love** with which
He **loved us**,⁵ even though we were
dead in transgressions,
made us alive together with Christ -
by GRACE you are SAVED!