

The Results of Rejecting God

1:24-32

Therefore God gave them over . . . 1:24-25

This = 1st of three such clauses. See in 24,26,28. What does this imply? See Acts 7:41,42, II Thess. 2:11, but Eph. 4:17-24.

A dishonest *exchange* (23,24,26) dishonors God (bodily images), which leads to people's bodies being dishonored too.

For this reason God gave them over . . . 1:26-27

Homosexuality is the dishonoring/degrading consequence of dishonoring/degrading God (revolt against the created natural order. See Gen. 2:18ff., Lv. 18:22, 20:13, I Cor.6:9, I Tim. 1:10.

How do some try to squirm out of Paul's condemnation of homosexuality here and elsewhere in Scripture?

God gave them over . . . 1:28-32

Rejecting God/ truth has led to a darkened heart (21) and a depraved mind, II Tim. 3:8. This depravity gives rise to the longest NT list of vices, cf. Gal. 5:19-21, I Tim. 1:9,10.

Even morally-challenged mankind still perceives such sins deserve punishment, but he will find excuses for doing them and even approve of others doing such things.

