

Sin and Society

A Study of Romans 1:18-32



What We Have Learned So Far



- The path to moral degradation begins with rejecting knowledge of God
- Rejection of the knowledge of God results in idolatry
- God judges this rejection of Him by removing His restraining power and giving them over to “uncleanness” and “vile passions” to experience the full force of their evil ways.

God Reacts Against All Sin



- When people do not *like* to retain God in their knowledge, He gives them over to a *debased mind* – Rom. 1:28-32
 - Because they disapproved of God, the thoughts of their minds became depraved, worthless – 1:28
 - God's abandonment to a debased mind allows them to be *filled* with all unrighteousness and evil – 1:29-31
 - Despite knowing they deserve death, they do these sins and heartily approve of others who do them – 1:32; Prov. 14:34



OBSERVATIONS AND APPLICATIONS

Observations

- The process of the moral unravelling of our society began a long time ago.
- When God “gave them up” it was a completed action that continued to have affect in their lives – Acts 17:30-31; 1 Cor. 6:9-11
- The condition of our society is not accidental.



Application



- If you are accepting of sin...
 - You are rejecting knowledge of God in that area of your life – Lk. 6:46; 1 Pet. 1:14-15
 - You may have begun the process in your life that will lead to your spiritual ruin.
 - Since God responds to all persistence in unrighteousness, you should fear the end – Heb. 10:30-31