

Romans 1:24-32  
“Rejectors of Truth”

~ INTRO ~

AS A RESULT OF ACCEPTING THE GOSPEL...

- Our lives are transformed from one way of living to another way.

AND GOD HELPS US GROW AS CHRISTIAN...

- By giving us “*grace for obedience*” (v.5).

(Phil. 2:13) NLT

*“For God is working in you,  
giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases Him.”*

BUT... at (Rom. 1:18) the tone switches...

- From the grace of God... to the wrath of God...
  - On those that **REFUSE to** walk by faith!

IDEA #1 – FATAL FLAWS OF THE SECULAR-MAN:

**Flaw #1 = suppression of truth** (v.18b)

**Flaw #2 = rejection of truth** (v.21a)

**Flaw #3 = blind to truth** (v.21b)

- (2 Cor. 4:3-4) NLT
- (Eph. 4:17-19) NKJV

**Flaw #4 = hostile to truth** (v.22)

**Flaw #5 = without truth** (v.24)

(1 Tim. 4:1-2) NKJV

*The phrase “seared with a hot iron” is a metaphor that refers to the damaging effects of sin on the human heart. It describes a conscience that has become insensitive and dead to feelings of right and wrong. The*

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*metaphor is similar to the hide of an animal that has been branded with a hot iron, becoming numb to further pain. (AI search result) <sup>1</sup>*

NLT = *shameful* / NKJV = *uncleaness*...

- The words point to sexually shameful desires...
  - Specifically in the area of homosexuality (v.26) & (v.27).

**IDEA #2 – RESULTS OF UNBELIEF:**

(v.25) NLT

(v.26) “*God gave them up...*”

(v.26) – Lesbian women

(v.27) – Homosexual men

In more recent days our world has been dominated by the trans-agenda...

- And... many accept homosexuality as ok.

BUT ACCORDING TO (Rom. 1)...

- A person living in homosexuality...
  - Is a person who has repeatedly rejected God...
    - Thru the refusal to receive truth.
    - Thru the cultivation of lies...
    - Thru the indoctrination of error...

**WHY DOES THIS MATTER TO YOU?**

- (1 John 1:5-7) NLT

I KNOW...

- Some of you have gay kids.

CAN YOU HEAR ME ON THIS!?!

- As a church WE ARE... gay welcoming...
  - But WE ARE NOT... gay affirming!

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.google.com/search?client=safari&rls=en&q=bible+seared+with+hot+iron&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8>

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- We have compassion on those who struggle...
  - With same-sex attraction.
    - But we do NOT embrace the LIE!
- We do NOT affirm behavior...
  - That celebrates, endorses, or dilutes this issue!

AS THE CHURCH WE CONTEND FOR THE FAITH...

- (Jude 1:4) NKJV

GOD HAS SPOKEN IN HIS WORD ABOUT THESE ISSUES...

- (Lev. 18:22) (Lev. 20:13) (1 Cor 6:9).

OK... LET ME APPLY TRUTH IN ANOTHER AREA.

- If you're supporting your kids in fornicating relationships – stop!
- If you're living in immoral conditions (boy/girl friend) – stop!

**DON'T REJECT THE TRUTH:**

- (Jude 1:20-23) NLT

WHEN THE CHURCH HIDES THE LIGHT OF TRUTH...

- Darkness grows.
  - But when we shine the light people get helped by Jesus.

**~ IN CLOSING ~**

(Ps. 37:3-8) NKJV

- **Trust** in the Lord & do good (v.3)
- **Delight** yourself in the Lord (v.4)
- **Commit** your way to the Lord (v.5)
- **Rest** in the Lord (v.7)