

Romans 1:21-28  
"Continued Digression  
Into Depravity"

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## 1. Introduction

a. Context: humans became fools  
when they did not glorify God

b. Continuing theme

- they did not glorify God

- they were not thankful

- they did not like to retain God  
in their knowledge

- they rejected God

c. Humans <sup>have</sup> fallen nature

- there is none righteous (Rom 3:10)

- there is none who does good (Rom 3:12)

## 2. Perversion of Truth (vs 24-25)

a. Humans changed truth of God  
for the lie

b. God gave humans up to uncleanness

- gave them up to dishonor - their  
bodies among themselves

c. How do humans change God's truth

- sexual perversion - change natural use

- spiritual perversion - false gods

- Hab 2:18-19 teacher of lies

- forsaking God, forsaking truth

d. Worship Creation

- humans served the creature(s)

- animals valued more than humans

\* Ps 81:9-12

3. Perversion in Sin (vs. 26-27)
- a. God gives humans to vile affections (passions)
    - practice: humans exchanging natural use against nature
    - \* no reproductive capacity (men with men, women with women)
    - \* against biology (nature)
      - x puberty blockers
      - x sexual hormones of opposite sex
      - x surgery to remove sexual organs
      - x Bible calls them eunuchs
    - \* even animals understand reproduction drives
  - b. God's design
    - God created male & female
    - God created marriage/family
    - children best protected inside intact families
  - c. Natural Consequences
    - receive something in themselves penalty of their errors
    - \* defy physical laws of nature?
      - x jump off cliff? you fall & die
    - \* x do practices in biology in parts of body not designed for use? body becomes inflamed or diseased
    - 1 Cor 6:18 Flee fornication - sinning against their own body in sexual immorality

4. Persistence in Unbelief (vs. 28)
- a. Willful turning
    - they did not like to retain God in their mind/knowledge
    - from willful perversion turns to moral perversion
    - Prov 1:28-32 hated fear of the Lord
  - b. Witnessed by God
    - God turned them over to debased (reprobate) mind
    - Gal 6:7 God is not mocked - what you sow (plant), you shall reap (harvest)