

— Romans 1.21-32 —
Romans Series 6
Spirituality and Sexuality

Romans 1.21 ... although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. 24 Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, 25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. 26 For this reason God gave them up to vile [dishonorable] passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. 27 Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. 28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; 29 being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, 30 backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; 32 who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

* All the culture war issues of our society concern ...

* This is not only predictable, it is ...

* Notice the pattern in our text ...

* God has embedded a creational link between ... and ...

* In Eph 5, Paul uses “mystery” to mean ...

* Paul tells us in Eph 5 that when God says in Gen 2.24, “A man shall ... be joined to his wife, and the two shall be one flesh,” God is talking about two things at once ...

* The human race was created to be ..., and human marriage

was created to ...

* God made us in his image, male and female, so that we could ...

* A big part of the beauty and glory of marriage is ...

* In human marriage, we get to ...

* Because God is eternally faithful & devoted to one Bride ...

* We were created for two types of ...

* The pattern we see in our text is ...

* Application: Something to understand.

- What is the judgment?

- The road to the abyss is ... and yet it is ...

- What modern ties do we see to the account of Sodom in Gen 19.1-11?

* Application: Something to help your witness.

* Application: Something to help your walk.