

— Romans 1.28-32 —  
Romans Series 7  
**Spirituality and Conflict**

*Romans 1.28 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.*

\* One of the growing features of our culture is ...

\* Some examples are –

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\* These examples reflect a sea change representing the erosion of one of the greatest moral and sociological achievements in history ...

\* All of these are modern manifestations of what Paul is talking about in our text—the inevitable turn from ... to ...

\* What are the two great, imbedded creational links Paul talks about in Romans 1?

\* Paul's overall point is that we cannot ...

\* What do these mean?

– “Retain God in knowledge” (vs 28)

– “Debased mind ... things which are not fitting” (vs 28)

– “Unrighteousness” (vs 29)

– “Covetousness” (vs 29)

– “Envy” (vs 29)

– “Murder” (vs 29)

\* The result is a society characterized by people who are ...

\* Apart from the loving God ruling in this world ...

\* It is not a small thing that God ...

\* Apart from God ...

\* Paul is setting before us ...\*

The application is ...