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THE EXCHANGE

Romans 1:21-28

“The root of all human disorder is found in the humungous exchange that every person has made, in that we have exchanged the Glory of God for the images made to look like creation”

Correct biblical interpretation is necessary because of the efforts being made to legitimize homosexual behavior from the Bible. For example: vs. 26b-27.

Here are 3 reasons this is interpreted incorrectly:

- 1 – Does a natural heterosexual become “inflamed” or burn with lust for another of the same sex?
- 2 – The Greek phrase in 27b “for that which is unnatural” (ten para phusin) simply meant “homosexual behavior”.
- 3 – Three times in this passage Paul repeats a three-fold sequence of thought:

- 1 – We prefer the creature to the Creator
- 2 – God hands us over to what we prefer
- 3 – We act out in our sexual relations a dramatization of the internal, spiritual condition of the fallen human soul.
(vs.23-24...-vs. 25-27...-vs. 28)

Seeing God at the Center!

- What does it profit a man to know everything that’s wrong, and lose his soul?

- The Glory of God as seen in the solar system!
- The Root of all our disorders AND God’s Judgment.
- What about Genetic origins, or hormonal tendencies?
- We must have “Biblical Balance!”
- Close with 1 Corinthians 6:9-11.

Recommended web sites:

www.masteringlife.gospelcom.net
www.purepassion.us/Home



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1 - Read Galatians 5:16-26 & 1 Corinthians 6:9-11. Examine the similarities both in content, exhortation and consequence. How are we to have victory in this life?

2 - Read Revelation 2:12-29. This is the risen Christ's message. To whom is he speaking? What does He say regarding sexual immorality? What does this have to do with us today?

3 - Read 2 Cor. 12:7-10. Paul's entreaty to remove the "thorn" was answered "no". Is this "no" a cause for depression and defeatism or the realization that this is a formative moment for being shaped more vigorously into the image of Christ? If the later, how will this happen? Do you have a "thorn" in your life? If so, can you see its purpose?

4 - Throughout the text (Romans 1:21-28) it states that, "God gave them over..." several times. What is the meaning and implication, and is there a purpose in this? See Romans 8:20-21

5 - Read Ephesians 5:22-33. What does vs. 32 mean and how does it relate to the topic of homosexuality?

6 - God has not called us to win elections, He's called us to win souls. He has not called us to control Congress, He's called us to preach the Gospel. He has not called us to be safe, but to tell the truth. He has not called us to avoid conflict, but to love everyone.

Review your life in light of these thoughts and consider how God can help you live in such a way so as to reflect 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13.