

***THE REALITY OF DIVINE RETRIBUTION***

*pt 2*

**Romans 1:28-32**

What does God turn ungodly people over to?

## I. PERVERTED CARNALITY

*24 Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. 25 For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. 26 For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, 27 and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.*

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**I. PERVERTED CARNALITY**

**II. PERVASIVE DEPRAVITY**

*28 And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind...*

*Titus 1:15 - ... their mind and their conscience are defiled.*

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## II. PERVERSIVE DEPRAVITY

*28...to do those things which are not proper..*

- 1. GROUP ONE – 4 sins**
- 2. GROUP TWO – 5 sins**
- 3. GROUP THREE – 12 sins**

## II. PERVASIVE DEPRAVITY

### GROUP ONE

*29 being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil...*

- *unrighteousness* – a comprehensive term
- *wickedness & evil* – a sinful inner disposition and active doing of harm to others

*1 Cor 5:8*

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- *greed* – the inordinate desire to have more

## II. PERVASIVE DEPRAVITY

### GROUP TWO

*29...full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice...*

- *envy* – the acute displeasure aroused by another person's privileges or pleasures
- *murder*
- *strife* – contention; a quarrelsome disposition



## II. PERVASIVE DEPRAVITY

### GROUP TWO

*29...full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice...*

- *deceit* – being crafty, cunning for personal purposes
- *malice* – spite

## II. PERVASIVE DEPRAVITY

### GROUP THREE

*29... they are gossips, 30 slanderers...*

- *gossips* – can be translated ‘whisperers’
- *slanderers* – ‘one who speaks against’

*James 3:6 - ...the tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by hell.*

## II. PERVASIVE DEPRAVITY

### GROUP THREE

*30...haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful...*

- *haters of God* – in total opposition to God and His laws
- *insolent* – a lofty sense of superiority
- *arrogant* – having a contempt for everyone except self
- *boastful* – constant bragging about self

*James 4:16 - ... you boast in your arrogance; all such boasting is evil.*

## II. PERVASIVE DEPRAVITY

### GROUP THREE

*30... inventors of evil, disobedient to parents...*

- *inventors of evil* – ingenuity in devising wrong
- *disobedient to parents* – a lack of gratitude for and a contempt for family authority

## II. PERVASIVE DEPRAVITY

### GROUP THREE

*31 without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful;*

- *without understanding* – those who act stupidly
- *untrustworthy* – the breaking of agreements, covenants, and contracts
- *unloving* – without natural affection, leading to a rupture in family relationships
- *unmerciful* – means ‘without pity’

## II. PERVASIVE DEPRAVITY

### GROUP THREE

*31 without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving,  
unmerciful;*

*senseless...faithless...loveless...merciless*

## II. PERVASIVE DEPRAVITY

*32 and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death...*

*ordinance* = 'righteous decree'... 'just ordinance'

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*32 ... they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.*