

MALE & *Female* – The Corruption from Man’s Fall Romans 1:18-32

God designed us with the unique capacity to reflect His character – to glorify God. When we rebelled against God in the garden, the image of God was radically flawed. Instead of gladly acknowledging our submission to Him as the creator and sustainer of life, we went our own way seeking to wrestle free of His rule. The resulting futility finds us seeking life in people and things that cannot provide life. Whenever we try to get life (identity, satisfaction, affirmation, etc.) from the creation instead of the Creator, we are guilty of idolatry. God has blessed us with wonderful gifts including our sexuality, but the gift must always take a ‘back-seat’ to the Giver.

Remember the intent of the original design

The context of Paul’s words

The Wrath of God

Man’s “great exchange”

Truth	-----	Lies
Meaning (purpose)	-----	Hopelessness
Satisfaction	-----	Emptiness

Dishonoring & Thanklessness

God gave them over

- lusts of their hearts (worshipping and serving the creature)
- dishonorable passions (corrupting male and female)
- debased mind (to do what ought not to be done)

"There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, 'thy will be done,' and those to whom God says, in the end, 'thy will be done'."
~ C.S. Lewis, *The Great Divorce*

A Case Study in Sin