

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.

Romans 1:28-32

1. The Rejection of God

- a) The rejection is very strong and evident
- b) They do not even like to retain the idea of God in their knowledge

2. The Reciprocal Response of God

- a) God gave them over to their debased mind
- b) To do what their debased mind desired

3. A short list of things that were truly “not fitting”

- a) Being filled with all unrighteousness,
- b) Sexual immorality
- c) Wickedness
- d) Covetousness
- e) Maliciousness
- f) Full of envy

- g) Murder
- h) Strife
- i) Deceit
- j) Evil-mindedness
- k) Whisperers,
- l) Backbiters
- m) Haters of God
- n) Violent
- o) Proud
- p) Boasters
- q) Inventors of evil things
- r) Disobedient to parents,
- s) Undiscerning
- t) Untrustworthy
- u) Unloving
- v) Unforgiving
- w) Unmerciful

4. Worse

- a) They know the judgment of God on all who practise evil
- b) They are evil-doers themselves
- c) They approve of people who practise evil

OUR CHALLENGE

1. To understand and fear God
2. To move away from doing evil

3. To appreciate afresh what it means to be justified by faith