

The Path to Perversion

Romans 1:20-32

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Intro:

1. A Sad Story of the Perversion of Public Practice
 - a. A people religiously perverted (vv.24-25)
 - b. A people morally perverted (vv. 26-27)
 - c. A people intellectually perverted (vv.28-32)
2. What caused this tragedy?
 - a. Why would people fall so far from truth?
 - b. What went wrong?

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I. They Forgot God's Position (v.21)

- A. "They glorified Him now at God."
- B. They did this even though they knew God
 - a. They did not give Him first place in their lives
 - b. They chose to live in a dangerous way
- C. Is Christ Lord of your life?
 - a. Is the Lord of the planets the Lord of your plans?
 - b. Is the Lord of the tempest the Lord of your tongue?
 - c. Is the Lord of the heavens the Lord of your home?
 - d. Is the Lord of the ages the Lord of your agenda?
- D. Christ must have preeminence in our lives.
- E. He deserves to be first in our lives.

II. They Forgot God's Provisions (v.21)

- A. "Neither were they thankful"
- B. Ingratitude affected their uplook and then their outlook.
- C. They became vain in their imaginations
 - a. They took credit for all that God had given them
 - b. They became proud of their supposed accomplishments
- D. Pride darkened their hearts to the light of life
 - a. They became self-centered
 - b. They should have been Christ-centered

III. They Forgot God's Personality (vv.22-32)

- A. "Professing themselves to be wise they became fools"
 - a. they questioned the creator
 - b. they rejected the evidence of His creative plan
- B. Rejecting the Creator led to idolatry
 - a. They made images of people and animals
 - b. They exalted the creation above the Creator
- C. Idolatry takes the form of the age in which it exists
- D. Idolatry leads to immorality
 - a. Homosexually became rampant
 - b. They became slaves to sin

Conc.

- Two paths stretch before us as we officially enter the Christmas season—the path to Paradise or the path to Perversion
- Choose Christ today, the path to Paradise.