

Romans 1

I. Three I am's of Paul

- A. I am debtor (verse 14) - to all men
- B. I am ready or eager (verse 15) - to preach
- C. I am not ashamed (verse 16) - of the Gospel

II. Four for's of Paul

- A. For I am not ashamed (verse 16)
- B. For it is the power of God to salvation (verse 16)
- C. For God's righteousness is revealed (verse 17)
- D. For the wrath of God is revealed (verse 18)

III. Three exchanges

- A. The glory of God for images of man and animals (verse 23)
- B. The truth of God for a lie (verse 25)
- C. The natural for the unnatural (verse 26)

IV. Given over to three things

- A. Impure sex (lusts of their hearts) - verse 24
- B. Perverted sex (unnatural, shameful) - Verse 26
- C. Perverted mind - verse 28

23 Characteristics of a perverted mind

1. Unrighteousness (all injustice, against all rights of others)
2. Fornication (all immorality)
3. Wickedness (destructiveness in hostile activity)
4. Covetousness (taking and keeping more than is deserved)
5. Maliciousness (malice with a desire to injure)
6. Full of envy (hate in the heart to one who is above us)
7. Murder
8. Debate (strife and beating down in contention)
9. Deceit (bait and lure as in fishing)
10. Malignity (subtle; making things worse than they are)
11. Whisperers (secret slander; giving an evil report)
12. Backbiters (open slanderers as in I Peter 2:12)
13. Haters of God (hateful to God and show hatred to Him)
14. Despiteful (taking pleasure in insulting others)
15. Proud (arrogant)
16. Boasters
17. Inventors of bad things (thinking of evil things they can do)
18. Disobedient to parents (can't be persuaded)
19. Without understanding (no moral discernment)
20. Covenant breakers (not bound by any promise)
21. Without natural affection (save animals and kill babies)
22. Implacable (not willing to consent to a truce)
23. Unmerciful (vindictive)

Compare 2 Timothy 3:1-5

There is hope - I Corinthians 6:9-11

God does give people over - Proverbs 1:24-33