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“Gentiles – Guilty Before God”

Romans 1:18-32

**While strange from the world's perspective,
the gospel is powerful and effective to change lives.**

- I. All people stand inexcusable before God’s wrath for suppressing the truth – vv. 18-23.**
 - A. From the beginning God made sure that everybody can know Him
 - B. Though they knew God, people did not pursue Him
 - i. They did not give God credit (glorify)
 - ii. They did not thank God
 - iii. As a result, their minds became unsuccessful in their reasoning (futile)
 - iv. Their hearts (seat of feelings, intelligence, and moral choice) became darkened
 - v. Claiming to be wise, they became fools
 - vi. They worshipped creation over the Creator

- II. Because of people’s rejection of Him, God removed His moral protection - (vv. 24-32).**
 - A. Heart - To (moral) impurity (vileness, immorality) – vv. 24-25.
 - B. Body/Physical - To dishonorable passions – vv. 26-27.
 - i. Shameful
 - ii. Indecent
 - iii. Unnatural
 - iv. Perversion/error
 - C. Mind - To a depraved mind – vv. 28-32.
 - i. To do what should not be done:
 - 1. Every kind of unrighteousness.
 - 2. Wickedness – lack of moral uprightness
 - 3. Covetousness - insatiable desire to have more, normally to the disadvantage of others.
 - 4. Malice - “ill-nature.” Grundmann says it is “conscious and intentional wickedness.”¹
 - 5. Envy - Morris comments that “envy reminds us that evildoers are not just one happy band of brothers.”²
 - 6. Murder
 - 7. Strife

¹ Mounce, R. H. (1995). *Vol. 27: Romans*. The New American Commentary (85). Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers.

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8. Deceit,
 9. Hostility
 10. Gossip
 11. Slander – stabbing in the back.
 12. God-haters
 13. Insolent – a mixture of cruelty and pride
 14. Arrogant - “Arrogant” people are those who in their self-sufficiency elevate themselves over all others.³
 15. Boastful
 16. Contrivers of all sorts of evil
 17. Disobedient to parents
 18. Senseless – devoid of conscience
 19. Covenant-breakers – false to their word
 20. Heartless – devoid of natural affection
 21. Ruthless
- ii. And to encourage/approve/bolster those who do this -

Big Idea: Without any excuse Gentiles stand guilty before God they rejected!

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