



²¹ For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. ²⁴ Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, ²⁵ because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. ²⁶ For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; ²⁷ and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error. ²⁸ And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. ²⁹ They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, ³⁰ slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, ³¹ foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. ³² Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them. (ESV)

We are the apex of God's creation designed to glorify Him, do we? (v. 21)

Do we give thanks to Him? (v. 21)

God is the subject of *our* examination. We have judged Him. We have tested Him and found Him worthless! He is not worth retaining in our knowledge (v. 28)

So... man creates his own gods – mythology and idolatry (v. 23, 25)

Why does Paul utter an Amen? (v. 25)

What is the result of suppressing the truth? Man rejects God in favor of tarot cards and evolution. Man defends his sin going so far as to rejoice in it, takes pleasure in it, jokes about it, and boasts in it. Isn't it beautiful! (v. 22, 32)

So... God gives man up to his sins because man gave Him up. With no God there is no morality. And so, the world becomes a living hell. (v. 24, 26, 28)

So... we see the wrath of God.

Hell is just this, living apart from God, in these sins, for eternity, abandoned by God.

So... This should give us a burden for souls!!!