

EXCHANGING GOD'S GLORY FOR...

(PART 1)

Romans 1:18-32

Exchanging God's Glory for...

- Self- fulfilling
- Self-indulgence
- Personal choice

Perspective – How and why each of us were created

- We were created by God.
Genesis 1:27
- We were created in the image of God.
Genesis 1:27
- We were created male and female.
Genesis 1:27
- We were created to be fruitful and multiply.
Genesis 1:28
- We were created to glorify God.
Isaiah 43:7
- We were created to worship God.
Isaiah 43:21, John 4:23, Revelation 4:11
- Our bodies were designed for moral behavior.
1 Corinthians 6:13

We have been created by God and we have been created for God.

God has given us specific instructions for the best use of our bodies.

²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

Genesis 2:24

God has given multiple boundaries for our bodies. The Bible prohibits...

- Prostitution (Leviticus 19:29, Deuteronomy 23:18, Proverbs 6:25-26)
- Bestiality (Leviticus 18:23, 20:15-16)
- Adultery (Exodus 20:14, Leviticus 20:10, Proverbs 6:28-32, Matthew 19:7-9, Romans 13:9)
- Fornication (Matthew 15:19, Hebrews 13:4)
- Homosexuality (Leviticus 18:22, 20:13, Matthew 19:10-12, Romans 1:18-32, 1 Timothy 1:8-11)
- Immoral thought life (Matthew 5:28)
- Flirtatiousness through dress or speech (1 Timothy 2:9-10, Proverbs 5:1-23, 7:1-27)
- Coarse joking (Ephesians 5:3-5)

God has given instructions on what to do when we face these temptations.

¹⁸Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.

1 Corinthians 6:18

The reasons why homosexuality has become such a highly charged topic in our society today:

1. It is a deeply personal issue for many.
2. There are people within the church arguing against the proper interpretation of God's word.
3. The argument that homosexuality is purely genetic.

4. There are those actively *promoting* this particular form of sexual sin.
5. This issue has been framed as a *civil* rights issue.

How do we respond?

- We respond with *truth*.

⁵⁰Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Mark 9:50

- We respond with *respect*.

¹⁵but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect

1 Peter 3:15

- We respond with *grace*.

⁶Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

Colossians 4:6

- We respond with *love*.

¹⁵Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. ¹⁶The latter do it out of love...

Philippians 1:15-16

