

I Corinthians 2

I5 The spiritual man judges all things, but he himself is not subject to anyone's judgment.

- 18 For the wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness.
- 19 For what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.
- 20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen,
- being understood from His workmanship, so that men are without excuse.

- 2I For although they knew God, they neither glorified Him as God nor gave thanks to Him, but they became futile in their thinking and darkened in their foolish hearts.
- 22 Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images of mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.

- 24 Therefore God gave them over in the desires of their hearts to impurity for the dishonoring of their bodies with one another.
- 25 They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is forever worthy of praise! Amen.

- 26 For this reason God gave them over to dishonorable passions.
- Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones.
- 27 Likewise, the men abandoned natural relations with women and burned with lust for one another.
- Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error.

- 28 Furthermore, since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, He gave them up to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done.
- 29 They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed, and depravity.
- They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, and malice.
- They are gossips, 30 slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant, and boastful.
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32 Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things are worthy of death, they not only continue to do these things, but also approve of those who practice them.

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Romans 2

- 5 But because of your hard and unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of wrath, when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.
- 6 God "will repay each one according to his deeds."
- 7 To those who by perseverance in doing good seek glory, honor, and immortality, He will give eternal life.
- 8 But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow wickedness, there will be wrath and anger.

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- 18 Let no one deceive himself. If any of you thinks he is wise in this age, he should become a fool, so that he may become wise.
- 19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God's sight.
- As it is written: "He catches the wise in their craftiness." [Job 5:13]
- 20 And again, "The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are futile." [Ps. 94:11]

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Psalm I39 13 For You formed my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. 14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Marvelous are Your works, and I know this very well. 15 My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in secret, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. 16 Your eyes saw my unformed body; all my days were written in Your book and ordained for me before one of them came to be.

Isaiah 29

I5 Woe to those who dig deep to hide their plans from the LORD.

In darkness they do their works and say, "Who sees us, and who will know?"

16 You have turned things upside down, as if the potter were regarded as clay.

Shall what is formed say to him who formed it, "He did not make me"?

Can the pottery say of the potter, "He has no understanding"?

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Four Take-aways

- 1. In Christ, we have a shelter from the wrath of God
- 2. The battle for truth is the most important battle before you
- 3. There is a built-in pull toward sin and evil ...
 - ...From which God's mercy keeps me
 - ...And I must fight against every day
- 4. We must pray for, and speak the truth in love to the world's people...
 - ...While not being influenced by the world