

For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

*Romans 1:25*

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Over



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**B**oiling down all the subtleties to the basics, individuals subscribe to one of only two philosophical positions today: 1) man is essentially good, and indications to the contrary are simply aberrations; or, 2) man, since Eden, is essentially depraved, and indications to the contrary only bespeak the influence of a gracious God. Stated another way, one subscribes either to the position that man is in charge, or one subscribes to the position that God is in charge. Those who adhere to the former, answer to no higher, absolute authority. Those who adhere to the latter answer to the absolute authority of God.

To those who do not answer to God, changing the rules is a piece of cake. Nothing could be easier. When a precept becomes inconvenient or uncomfortable, it is simply discarded. It is determined to be “discriminatory,” or at least “outdated.” So today we have same-sex couples queuing up, waiting their turn to be “married.” God’s precepts, government’s laws, and thousands of years of heritage are discarded because a few people consider them to be, suddenly, inconvenient.



Today the truth of what happened in Eden has become inconvenient for many. The truth that man, since Eden, is a fallen, sinful being has become too hard for some to bear. So they just paint over that truth, creating a new truth more to their liking. But, of course, they are cunning enough not to splash on their garish final coat all at once.

They begin with more subtle shades, almost imperceptibly building up layer after layer of colors, working their way gradually to the true colors of their intent.

Thus, for example, not so terribly long ago homosexuality was a practice of shame, kept hidden from the rest of society. Then the shame was challenged, and gradually society allowed itself to be convinced that homosexuality was no longer a shameful practice. Society agreed to “accept” the practice as just another part of normal—different, but normal. Then those who were once ashamed, decided that being normal but different wasn’t good enough, and they began to demand “rights.” Soon in places of business, in insurance policies, and in city halls across the land it was considered discriminatory not to extend to homosexuals the same rights as others—not based on race (something over which the person has no control), but based on their choice of bed-partner.

Now we have supreme courts and legislatures across the land declaring that forthwith the definition of marriage is to include homosexual couples. And, to date, thousands of same-sex “marriages” have been performed.



The contemporary acceptance of homosexuality as something perfectly normal is just one example of how we have painted over the truth of Eden. Heterosexuals have done much the same thing with divorce and carnality; the church has done it by loosening

the standards by which leaders and elders are selected; society as a whole has done it by so easily winking at deceit and corruption. When our sins become too burdensome, instead of repenting we just change the definition of sin. Soon there will be no sin left; we will all have evolved—by mutual acclimation—into perfect little angels.

For those who do not know God, there can be no absolute standard. Civil laws and constitutions can always be changed. But for those who do know God—and, more critically, accept His written word as absolute truth—there is no excuse. God’s holy word is our unchanging standard. It defines who we are and how we are to live. It speaks the truth boldly, without compromise. It cares nothing about contemporary standards, or what is currently “politically correct.”

It is time that we begin living by the standards in which we claim to believe. It is time to stop making excuses.

And it is time that we put away our cans of paint.



For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.

*Romans 1:26-27*

