

# *Rom 1:28-32* – God Gives Man Over for Reprobate Minds (Soul)

- Rom 1:28 Amplified "And so, since they did not see fit to acknowledge God or approve of Him or consider Him worth the knowing, God gave them over to a base and condemned mind to do things not proper or decent but loathsome,"
  - failed to acknowledge or approve δοκιμάζω
    - after trial, i.e. testing coins
    - knowing, ἐπίγνωσις epignösis Why such a strong verb here?
  - *God gave them over* where have we seen this before?
    - Vs 24 and 26
    - to a reprobate (base and condemned, unfit or unproven) mind



- Lack of remorse for sin remember we are all capable!
  - II Tim 3:8 "Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith."
  - Tit 1:16 "They profess that they know God; but in works they deny [him], being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work **reprobate**."
- What things are not proper or decent (loathsome)?
  - from *kata* and *heko*; to reach to, i.e. (neuter of presumed active participle, figurative as adjective) *becoming* :- convenient, fit.
- Does God play an active role here too?
  - What about II Thess 2:10-12 "And with all the deceit of unrighteousness in those who perish, because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie, that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."?
    - » Tribulation only!



- Rom 1:29 NASB "being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; {they are} gossips,"
  - Perfect passive accusative participle of the common verb  $\pi\lambda\eta\rho\omega\omega$  state of completion, "*filled to the brim with*"

» Let's read <u>Mark 7:15-23!</u>
πλεονεξια, covetousness as in *I Thess 2:5, Luke 12:15*κακια, maliciousness or inward viciousness of disposition as in *I Cor 5:8*)
– desire to injure

- 'five substantives in the genitive' (RWP)
  - (indicates possession)



φψονου, envy or jealousy as in *Gal 5:21*φονου, murder or slaughter
εριδό, strife, debate or contention as in *II Cor 12:16*κακοηψιά, deceit or guile
κακοηψή and that from κακό and ηψό, a tendency to put a bad construction on things, depravity of heart and malicious disposition.

- Rom 1:30,31 NASB "slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful;"
  - 'twelve substantives and adjectives that give vivid touches to this composite photograph of the God abandoned soul.' (RWP)

ψιθυριστάς, secret slanderers (from 1:29)

- » Psalms 41:7 "All that hate me whisper together against me; against me do they devise my hurt."
- » Prov 16:28 "A froward man soweth strife, and a whisperer separateth closest friends."

καταλαλού, - to talk back, James 4:11; and καταλαλια



II Cor 12:20 'talkers back' whether secretly or openly.

ψεοστυγεί. old word from ψεό and στυγεω – God-haters or hateful of God, exceptionally impious and wicked (Thayer)

- » The word usually signifies "God-hated, "which some here prefer, in the sense of "abhorred of the Lord"
- » John 15:23,24 "He that hateth Me hateth My Father also. If I had not done among them the works which no other man did, they would not have had sin; but now they have both seen and hated both Me and My Father."

υβριστά. old word for agent from υβριζω, to give insult to, here alone in NT except *I Tim* 1:13 – insolent

υπερηφανού - from υπερ and φαινομαι, to appear above others, arrogant in thought and conduct, "stuck up" or haughty

» I John 2:15,16

αλαζονά - from  $\alpha\lambda\eta$ , wandering - empty pretenders, braggarts.

εφευρετά κακων - inventors of new forms of vice

» Psalms 106:39 "Thus were they defiled with their own works, and went a whoring with their own schemes." – recall Mark 7:15



γονευσιν απειψεί, I Tim 1:9, II Tim 3:2 – disobedient to parents

» an ancient and a modern trait

#### » *Deut 21:18-21* – **Law, but how does grace relate?**

ασυνετού, without understanding - same word used as *foolish* in v 21

» read *Rom 1:20,21* again – no excuse

ασυνψετού, men "false to their engagements" (Sanday and Headlam), who treat covenants as "a scrap of paper."

αστοργού, lack of love of kindred, relatives - only here and *II Tim* 3:3

ανελεημονά, lack of mercy - only here in NT

» some versions include  $\alpha\sigma\pi\sigma\nu\delta\sigma\dot{o}$ , implacable – without agreement

- » when once offended there was no reconciling of them (Gill)
- Rom 1:32 NASB "and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them."



- They know ϵπιγν όντ ϵ ζ, epiginosko again, here the ordinances of God
  - Is this kind of 'the love ( $\alpha\gamma\pi\eta$  agape) of the world' in I John 2:15?
  - What is the judgment δικαίωμα of God?
    - Either the **favorable** judgment by which men are acquitted and declared righteous or **unfavorable** and condemnation.
  - How could they really know? Is there no fear of the Lord left?
  - What kind of death are we talking about here?
    - θάνατος, than atos - physical and/or spiritual
- And not only do they continue in such ways, but they take pleasure (approve) in others who do the same!
  - *do* present, active, indicative
  - Mark 14:10, 11 "And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went unto the chief priests to betray Him unto them. And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought how he might conveniently betray Him."
- BUT REMEMBER, THE WHOLE WORLD IS GUILTY BEFORE GOD!! THE ALTERNATIVE?

<b>REPROBATE SOUL</b>	THE CHRIST MAN
Unrighteous Rom 1:29	Righteous II Cor 5:21
'Fornicators'	Faithful You fill in the verses!
Wicked	Holy
Covetous	Grateful
Malicious	Pure
Full of envy	Content
Murderous	Accepting
Full of strife	Peace

<b>REPROBATE SOUL</b>	THE CHRIST MAN
Deceitful	Truthful
Malign	Gracious
Whisperers	Transparent
Backbiters Rom 1:30	Uplifting
God-haters	God-fearing
Insolent	Meek
Haughty	Lowly
Braggarts	Humble

<b>REPROBATE SOUL</b>	THE CHRIST MAN
Inventors of vice	Trustworthy
Disobedient to parents	Obedient to parents
<i>Without understanding</i> <i>Rom 1:31</i>	Mind of Christ
Covenant breakers	Faithful
Without natural affections	Loving
'Implacable'	Dependable
Unmerciful	Merciful



**Live Positionally** "Crucified, Risen, Seated" **Live Positively** "Fully Persuaded" **Live Possessively** "All Things are Yours" Live Triumphantly "More than Conquerors"