

# **My Will Be Done**

(Romans 1:26-32)

## **Recap of Suppression of Truth from last week:**

- Irreligious suppression of truth is Atheism/Agnosticism.
- Religious suppression of truth is Idolatry. The Gospel tells us that we were created for God's pleasure and to serve Him. Idolatry attempts to substitute for the real God our own imagined version of God that we create to serve our own desires.

-We were all created to worship and live for something. If we reject the true God, we will find something else to worship.

**Rejection of God Leads to Our Own Corruption:** Our suppression of God's truth leads to God's judgement as He ultimately gives us what we wanted. By displacing God from the center of our hearts, we elevate ourselves over God which corrupts every area of our lives. This total depravity manifests itself in all major areas of life:

- Sexual disorder
- Economic disorder
- Social disorder
- Family disorder
- Spiritual disorder

No one sin is any worse in God's eyes than the others because the same issue lies at the heart of each: we have rejected God's rule and substituted our own.

***Questions to Consider:*** Do you "prioritize" sins in your mind? Do you feel that some sins are worse than others? Do you think of yourself more positively and others negatively because your sins "aren't as bad as theirs"? In what areas have you attempted to displace God and His Truth from parts of your life? What has been the result?

## **Three ways the church has gone wrong in its response to homosexuality:**

1. ***Believing God Doesn't Care About This:*** The Word makes it imminently clear that God abhors homosexuality (just like He abhors all sins).

Yet many people ignore this and claim that if you are born that way, it must be right. However, the fact that we were ALL born with a propensity to sin doesn't make it right. You might struggle with anger, jealousy, lying, covetousness, or sexual sins (both homosexual or heterosexual), and claim "that's just the way I'm wired", but that doesn't mean it isn't sin. At the core is the same sinful desire in all of us to substitute God's rule over our lives with our own. We all need to be born again.

2. *Thinking it is a worse sin than other sins:* Homosexuality is no worse than any other sinful behavior that is contrary to God's rule, whether it be greed, drunkenness, coveting, or lying.

3. *Assuming it is hard for LGBT people to get into heaven:* Being gay doesn't send you to hell any more than being straight sends you to heaven. In fact, the Bible only says it is particularly difficult for the rich to make it to heaven. The issue is who calls the shots in your life. At the core is the sinful desire in all of us to play God and call the shots for our own lives. All sin is a manifestation of this underlying problem, and is equally as abhorrent in God's eyes.

**Questions to Consider:** Have you had a distorted view of homosexuality because of how it has traditionally been viewed by the church? How has this affected your interactions with homosexual people the Lord has placed in your life? Is the Lord calling you to change your perspective/view of this issue or these people? How can you show God's perfect love and share the gospel with those who struggle with making God fully Lord of their life in this area?

Abortion: Approving of someone else's sin is as bad committing it yourself (Romans 1:32): A common application of this issue today is abortion. Many have had abortions, but even more support abortion and give their approval and support to those seeking them. Many claim abortion is OK because women should have the right to control their own bodies. But in doing so, they reach the obviously erroneous conclusion that the baby (with its own DNA, its own blood type, its own brain waves, and its own heartbeat) is part of the mother's body. (This response illustrates what we discussed last week: they don't know because they don't want to know). Ultimately, idolatry drives

this reasoning in the desire to control our own lives instead of yielding control to God.

***Questions to Consider:*** How do you view those who have had abortions? Have you ever rationalized abortion in certain situations? How would the Lord have you support those who have had an abortion and direct them back to the Jesus?