

## Romans 1:24-27

**<sup>24</sup> Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, that their bodies might be dishonored among them. <sup>25</sup> 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. <sup>26</sup> For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, <sup>27</sup> 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.**

Throughout the Scriptures, in the Old and New Testament, God is very clear about how He views sin. So why is the church running to **‘exchange the truth of God for a lie’**? In this day of tolerance, many in the church are bent on bringing new clarity and understanding to God’s perfect Word; by immersing it into a cesspool of sin. This most recent case of blatant white washing took place in the Lutheran Church. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America passed a resolution by a vote of 538-431; urging bishops to refrain from disciplining pastors who are in “faithful committed same-gender relationships.” In the past, gays in the ELCA were allowed to serve as pastors as long as they abstained from sexual relationships. Today, the Lutheran Church, much like the Anglican Church before them, are signing a “spiritual death certificate” by not only embracing, but adopting into law the very thing that God calls perversion and sin. Does this news grip you? If not, why not? Homosexuality is one of the most vile acts a man or woman can commit! Now it seems that many in the church are racing to exchange ‘Biblical correctness’ for ‘political correctness’. What is even more appalling, is that the Lutheran Church, as well as the Anglican Church are firm, on setting in leadership whom the Bible not only disqualify; but will be in a position of covering over the rest of that body or church. Can you not see that if the head is perverted, that the body will become perverted as well?

My question to you is, “How did the church get to where it is today?” I am convinced that it is because the church never took a corporate stand on this and other issues for the past forty years. Church leaders initially danced with the issue of homosexuality and lesbianism, because they didn’t want to be perceived as a ‘hard liner’ or ‘insensitive.’ I also believe that many leaders never saw the homosexual agenda growing from a hidden closet sin, into the militant movement that is facing us today. Are we to be surprised? Do we believe that the consequences of sin will evolve to where it will no longer lead ultimately to death? Church, I want to remind you of God’s love, which is “Agape Love.” Agape Love is not based on emotions or feelings, but a choice. God chooses to love us in spite of ourselves, and not because we deserve it; but He also will hold each and every one of us accountable for our choices. The Bible is very clear that those who partake in the sins of homosexuality and lesbianism without repentance will never enter the ‘Kingdom of Heaven.’ Perhaps that truth offends you. I assure you that many people in hell are offended right now! Church do we really believe that we can rewrite God’s laws and ordinances; that by a democratic vote, we can change what the Living God calls sin, and somehow the Lord must honor it. May God have mercy on our arrogant and rebellious hearts!