

# ROMANS 07 – 1:28-2:3

## *Inconvenient Things*

### 1. 1:28

- a. "They" – this is talking about history, how they came to be reprobate – Rom 1:20
- b. "did not like to retain God" – God is missing from all their thoughts – Gen 6:5
- c. We are all reprobates without Christ, without God – 2 Cor 10:5, 13:5
- d. Reprobate ~*def* Abandoned to sin, failed, disallowed, rejected (see Eph 5:7-10)

### 2. 1:29-32 – **Inconvenient things** – 1 Cor 6:12

- a. Unrighteousness – There is none that is right, all are wrong – Job 25:4-6, Psa 14:1-3
- b. Fornication – the result of idolatry and infidelity, the opposite of faithfulness: 1 Thess 4:3
- c. Wickedness – which is any departure from good, fallen away to evil, crooked
- d. Covetousness – which is idolatry (desire to obtain some ungodly thing) - Col 3:5
- e. Maliciousness – to think or do harm to someone, revenge – 1 Cor 14:20
- f. Full of Envy – which is more dangerous than jealousy - Prov 27:4
- g. Murder – Seeking to kill, unnecessary wars, abortions, quick to judge - Rom 3:15-17
- h. Debate – not mere arguments, but quarrelling for the sake of victory - Prov 13:10
- i. Deceit – any sort of dishonesty, half truths, white lies, omitted truths, deceptions
- j. Malignity – Hatred, anger, desire to destroy, knock down – Mat 5:22, Eph 4:26, Titus 1:7
- k. Whisperers – Private slandering, gossip, plotters, busybodies – 2 Thess 3:11-12, 1 Th 4:11
- l. Backbiters – backstab, biting someone's face off behind their back, public slander
- m. Haters of God – atheists, yes; but also any rebellion of God and righteousness
- n. Despiteful - defiance of rightful authorities, disrespect, vengeance
- o. Proud – the first sin of the Devil, selfishness, arrogance – solution: humility before God
- p. Boasters – Exaggeration of themselves, building yourself up over others – Phil 2:3
- q. Inventors of evil things: wicked imaginations produce evil inventions Psa 106:39, Jer 19:5
- r. Disobedient to parents – which was a serious offense to God the Father
- s. Without understanding – Ignorance is curable, but not this sin – Rom 1:22
- t. Covenantbreakers – lacking faithfulness, God is faithful, 1 Cor 1:9, 10:13
- u. Without natural affection – not only sodomy, but also other unnatural worldly passions
- v. Implacable – Cannot be persuaded, appeased, or satisfied, discontent – 1 Tim 6:6-8
- w. Unmerciful – Which was the problem of the hypocrites that judge – Mat 7:1-3, John 8:7
- x. Do things worthy of death – which would be any and all sin - Rom 6:20-21
- y. Have pleasure in them that do them – silence is acceptance, applauding is promoting

### 3. 2:1-3

- a. "O Man...that judgest" – God gave Israel the means to judge – Rom 2:18, Psa 19:7-10
- b. Israel was given the privileged position to judge – Gen 12:3, Exo 18:13-26, Isa 2:3-4
- c. "judgment of God" is the wrath of God that is now revealed to come upon all – Rom 1:18
- d. "doest the same things" – but hypocrisy reigned of the sort found in Mat 23:23-35
- e. There is no escape of God's judgment for these hypocrites – Mat 23:23, 24:51, 25:46