

The Consequences of Unbelief

(And How to Avoid Them)

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Text: Romans 1:18-32

The progressive consequences of unbelief:

- 1. You start making futile speculations from a darkened heart.** *Romans 1:21*
- 2. Then you become foolish.** *Romans 1:22*
- 3. Next, you worship other deities from your own imagination.** *Romans 1:23*
- 4. God then gives you over to the lusts of your heart.** *Romans 1:24*
- 5. Exchanging the truth of God for a lie, you start worshipping the creation.**
Romans 1:25
- 6. Then God gives you over to degrading passions, exchanging natural functions for unnatural functions.** *Romans 1:26*
- 7. You receive the penalty for your error in your person.** *Romans 1:27*
- 8. God gives you over to a depraved mind to do things that aren't proper.**
Romans 1:28
- 9. You become full of all unrighteousness.** *Romans 1:29-31*
- 10. And finally you give hearty approval to others who do the same.**
Romans 1:32

How do we avoid this downward spiral of depravity?

- 1. Everyone knows God exists. Don't suppress the Truth.**
Psalm 14:1, 19:1-4; Romans 1:18-20
- 2. Honor God.** *1 Corinthians 6:19-20, 10:31*
- 3. Give God thanks.** *Colossians 3:17, 1 Thessalonians 5:17*
- 4. Read the Bible.** *Romans 15:4, Colossians 3:16*
- 5. Listen to godly counsel.** *Psalm 119:105, 2 Timothy 3:16-17*
- 6. Walk by the Spirit.** *Galatians 5:16-25, 2 Peter 1:10*