

(1) What do you make of the statement that the reason the world is in its current condition is because people hate God? Is that too strong of a conclusion? If it isn't true, what explanation would you give to account for why the world is in such a mess?

(2) Review and discuss the three-fold declaration of Paul that in response to their sin God "gave them up/over". What does this mean?

(3) What does it mean when Paul says that people "did not see fit to acknowledge God" (v. 28)? What is involved in this? How serious is it?

(4) Paul mentions one sin in particular in describing people as "inventors of evil." What does this mean? In what ways have you seen this today?

(5) It is one thing to indulge in open, defiant rebellion against God. But Paul says these people know that what they are doing is evil, deserving of eternal condemnation, and yet not only do they commit such sin but they take delight in urging others to join them in it. What do you make of this? What is it about the depravity of the human heart that would lead someone to encourage others to do what they know will bring eternal condemnation?