

Friday Men in Christ – April 4 – 2025 – G A Henecke DD

For I am not ashamed of the gospel: it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, "He who through faith is righteous shall live." (Rom 1:16-17 RSV)

For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. Ever since the creation of the world his invisible nature, namely, his eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse; for although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking and their senseless minds were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for . . . (Rom 1:19-23 RSV)

*Therefore, **God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity,** (Rom 1:24 RSV)⁸ because they exchanged the truth about God for The Lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. (Rom 1:25 RSV)*

***For this reason, God gave them up to dishonorable passions.** (Rom 1:26 RSV)*

*And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, **God gave them up to a base mind** and to improper conduct. They were filled with all manner of wickedness, (Rom 1:28-29 RSV)*

but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin which dwells in my members. (Rom 7:23 RSV)

"For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. (Rom 11:34-1 RSV)

I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.⁹ Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Rom 12:1 RSV)

I urge you, then, brothers, remembering the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, dedicated and acceptable to God; that is the kind of worship for you, as sensible people. Do not model your behavior on the contemporary world, but let the renewing of your minds transform you, so that you may discern for yourselves what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and mature. (Rom 12:1 NJB)

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