

DIFFERENT TYPES OF SINNERS #5 THE REPROBATE

Romans 1 ²¹ For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.

²⁴ Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. ²⁵ They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

²⁶ Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. ²⁷ In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.

²⁸ Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done. ²⁹ They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, ³⁰ slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; ³¹ they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. ³² Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.

Reprobate is used 3 times in the N.T. and once in the O.T.

I. A reprobate defined

ἄδοκιμος (adokimos) bad , not fitting, not in accord with right; (most versions) **depraved; reprobate, debased, undiscerning, unacceptable,** (Ro 1:28); **2. worthless** , of no use, formally, failing the test, **unfit, unproven** (1Co 9:27 ; 2Co 13:5 , 6 , 7 ; 2Ti 3:8 ; Tit 1:16 ; Heb 6:8 +Swanson, J. (1997). *Dictionary of Biblical Languages with Semantic Domains : Greek (New Testament)* (electronic ed.) (GGK99). Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

II. Characteristics of a reprobate

They ...

A. Change the nature of **truth to a lie.**

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B. Change the nature **of God**

²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.

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C. Change the nature of man

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III. The creation of a reprobate

Titus 1 ¹⁵ Unto the pure all things *are* pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving *is* nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. ¹⁶ They profess that they know God; but in works they deny *him* , being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate KJV

Titus 1 ¹⁵ To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure. In fact, both their minds and consciences are corrupted. ¹⁶ They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good. NIV

A. A corrupt mind v 15

B. A corrupt conscience

C. A corrupt evaluation of their relationship with God

v16 They claim to know God,

D. A corrupt lifestyle-

v16... but by their actions they deny him.

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III. The cure for the reprobate

A. Self evaluation

2Co. 13 ⁵ Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates? KJV

NKJV says, “ except you be disqualified”

NIV says, “unless, of course, you fail the test”

B. Accept the complete salvation of Christ

1Co 6 ⁹ Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders ¹⁰ nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor

slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

1. **washed**- cleansed
2. **sanctified**- set one apart for holy purposes
3. **justified**- a position with Christ without blame or condemnation.

C. **Allow the Spirit of God to empower**