The Truth in Love

WHAT IS HAPPENING TO OUR WORLD

Romans 1:18-32 Jeff Schreve

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress (stifle, crush, shroud, hold back) the truth in unrighteousness ...

Romans 1:18

How are we to understand what is happening in our world?

1. When a society rejects the truth, it will embrace a lie.

- A. The <u>truth</u> of God is clearly evident.
 - 1. Our <u>conscience</u> tells us God is real.
 - 2. The <u>creation</u> tells us God is real. *The heavens declare the glory of God. Psalm 19:1*
- B. The <u>rejection</u> of the true God is clearly evident. For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks; but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Romans 1:21

2. When a society embraces a lie, it will reap the consequences.

- A. The people become <u>fools</u>. Professing to be wise, they became fools ... Romans 1:22
- B. The people become <u>idolaters</u>. For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. Romans 1:25
- C. God's gives them over to their depravity.
 - 1. There is an explosion/celebration of sexual immorality.
 - 2. There is an explosion/celebration of homosexuality.

3. There is an explosion/celebration of open sin.

3. When a society is given over by God, the end is near.

- A. The Lord commands us to be <u>faithful</u>, <u>truthful</u>, and <u>loving</u>. "But you will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death, and you will be hated by all on account of My name." Luke 21:16-17
- B. The Lord extends grace to those who repent and believe. Or do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Will you stand for the Lord and be <u>faithful until death</u>?