THOSE WHO SUPPRESS THE TRUTH START DOWN A PATH LEADING TO:

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1. DISHONOR. Vs. 24-25

"Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, that their bodies might be dishonored among them. 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."

"For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God; and that no man transgress and defraud his brother in the matter because the Lord is the avenger in all these things, just as we told you before and solemnly warned you. For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification. Consequently, he who rejects this is not rejecting man but the God who give His Holy Spirit to you." 1 Thess. 4:3-8

2. DEGRADATION. Vs. 26-27

"For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error."

3. DEPRAVITY. Vs. 28-31

"And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper." vs. 28 "Being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful." vs. 29-31

APPLICATION FOR ME:

"And, although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them." vs. 32

"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 Cor. 6:11

"It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all. And yet for this reason I found mercy, in order that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience, as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life." 1 Tim. 1:15-16

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Now I Belong to Jesus

Jesus my Lord will love me forever From Him no pow'r of evil can sever

He gave His life to ransom my soul Now I belong to Him

Now I belong to Jesus Jesus belongs to me Not for the years of time alone But for eternity

Once I was lost in sin's degradation Jesus came down to bring me salvation

Lifted me up from sorrow and shame Now I belong to Him

Now I belong to Jesus Jesus belongs to me Not for the years of time alone But for eternity Joy floods my soul for Jesus has saved me Freed me from sin that long had enslaved me

His precious blood He gave to redeem Now I belong to Him

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