Why Some Will Not Be Saved

Paul's words in Romans 1:18-31 show us that God made it possible for all men have the capacity to know Who He is. Simply looking around at the world around us, His creation should bring to mind the glory, power, and awesomeness of the God of Heaven (vs. 20). But some men in their wisdom have become fools, and instead of giving God the glory He deserves, they worship that which suits their needs, lusts, and desires – serving the "creature rather than the Creator (vs. 25)." And because of such, God gives them "over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting, which include: all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, etc. (vs.28-31)" – God expects and desires to be worshipped and obeyed, but He does not force man to do that which man should want to do. The penalty for such behavior, however, is largely overlooked by men. However, it also is a point that Paul makes very clear -"Who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death (vs. 32)."

Jesus says, "He who believes and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16). Peter, inspired by God says, "Repent and be baptized for the remission of your sins" (Acts 2:38). Paul was instructed by Jesus to, "Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins (Acts 22:16).

May we at the Cleveland church of Christ assist you in avoiding spiritual death? Join us for worship. Visitors are welcome.