



ROMANS 1:24-32

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. ¹⁹ For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰ For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. ²¹ 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 foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. ²⁴ Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, ²⁵ because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. ²⁶ For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; ²⁷ and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error. ²⁸ And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. ²⁹ They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, ³⁰ slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, ³¹ foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. ³² Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them. (Romans 1:18-32)

Review of Romans 1:18-23

- God has revealed the truth of his existence and the truth of his character in the things that he created (Romans 1:19-20 ... Psalm 19:1-6).
- God's wrath is now being revealed against those who suppress the truth about God, who fail to honor him, and who fail to thank him (Romans 1:18).
- Human depravity impacts our thinking, our feeling, and every part of our being (Romans 1:21-22).
- Human sin began (and begins) with exchanging the glory of God for created things (Romans 1:23).
 - The Bible recognizes idols of the _____ (Exodus 20:1-6, 1 Kings 18).
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"God gave them up ..."

- Understanding the Principle
 - As creatures, we become like whoever or whatever we _____ (Psalm 115:4-8).
 - In the Old Testament, God regularly gave his people over to their _____ (Judges 2:14). Even more frightening, God gave his people over to their stubborn _____ (Psalm 81:11-12).
 - When God gives people up, he is giving them up to what they have _____ given themselves to (Ephesians 4:17-19).
 - In the end, God will send a strong _____ on those who do not believe the truth and take pleasure in unrighteousness (2 Thessalonians 2:11-12).
 - The consequence of sin is always _____ (Genesis 2:15-17, Romans 6:23).
- Understanding the Specifics
 - "God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity ..." (Romans 1:24)
 - "God gave them up to dishonorable passions ..." (Romans 1:26)
 - "God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done ..." (Romans 1:28)
- Understanding the Gospel
 - The gospel is good news because "Jesus _____ _____" for our salvation (Romans 8:32, Galatians 2:20, Ephesians 5:2).