

Series "How Great A Salvation"
"Deserted By God"
Romans 1:24-32
Study-5

John 3:36

Romans 1:18-3:20 – Condemnation (World):

1. The Heathen Guilty (Gentiles), 1:18-32
2. The Moral Man Guilty, 2:1-16
3. The Jews Guilty, 2:17-3:8
4. The Whole World Guilty, 3:9-20

Romans 3:19

Romans 1:18-23 – "Why the wrath has come." Now Romans 1:24 – "What The wrath of God means."

Thought Of Our Passage: "God Gave Man Freedom To Choose His Own Path And Then Gave Him The Freedom To Live With The Consequences."

1. Verses 24-27 – Sensual Depravity

2. Verses 28-31 – Mental Depravity

3. Verse 32 – Celebrated Depravity

1. Verses 24-27 – Sensual Depravity:

Romans 1:24 – "Therefore" – Context: God has given to man His revelation; man has rejected it. Verses 18-20 – Unbelief; Suppression Of Truth: ¹⁸ "who suppress the truth in unrighteousness," – The word "suppress" – means "holding something down." It is the idea of "continual and aggressive striving against the truth;" Suppressing God's Power and God's Existence.

Verses 21-23 – Unbelief – Perversion Of Truth: 7 Steps Downward.

"God gave them over" – We see this term used 3X in our passage. Number "3," "completeness." Paul had said that God's wrath has been revealed. Paul now tells how – Romans 1:18.

Romans 1:24 – "Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts"

Romans 1:26 – "For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions;"

Romans 1:28 – "God gave them over to a depraved mind,"

“gave them over” – this literally means – “that God handed over, or let go, turned over, gave up, left man to his own self-determination and self-destruction, God abandons man to his own passions as a form of His wrath.”

Verses 18-23 – The pagan world abandons God; Now Verses 24-32 – The Consequence, God abandons them!

“gave them over” – Deserted By God; Given To Desires – Romans 1:18-32 – This is the wrath of God; God’s protective hand is removed.

“in the lusts” – “desiring what is forbidden;” “of their hearts to impurity,” – “moral and physical uncleanness,” Ephesians 2:3.

“so that their bodies would be dishonored among them.” – “to suffer shame, bodies suffer shame;” Sexual Revolution.

Romans 1:25 – The Reason God Gave Them Up: “exchanged the truth of God for a lie,” – “they have bartered away the true God for a false one.”

“and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator,” – They choose a creature over the master designer; Creation over the Creator.

Romans 1:26 – “For this reason” – What reason? Man rejected the true God and accepted the lie and worshipped the creature; Made their own god.

“God gave them over to degrading passions;” – “passions of dishonor, disgrace, reproach, shame, vile;” passions; “a constant burning passion, indignity (inordinate) affection, degeneracy!

Sexual Perversion: “for their women” – Females; When a society has really degenerated, the gage is that of the woman.

“exchanged the natural function (Heterosexual) for that which is unnatural,” – This is speaking of Homosexuality, and in this case Lesbianism.

Romans 1:27 – “and burned” – “became inflamed, ablaze with passion;” “in their desire toward one another,” – Genesis 19:11.

“Men (Males) with men (Males) committing indecent acts” – “shameful thing, obscenity;” It is clearly wrong! It is a sin.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

“and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.” – NEB: “the fitting wage of such perversion,” – “impurity brings its own punishment.” The homosexual lifestyle is not a happy lifestyle.

1 Timothy 1:8-10

2. Verses 28-31 – Mental Depravity:

Romans 1:28 – “And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer,” – “they found God worthless to their knowledge.”

Jude 23

“depraved” (reprobate) – “rejected, worthless, a castaway, tested and found to be no good, a mind that can’t be lived with;” Metal test and rejected!

“to do those things which are not proper,” – “not fitting or proper conduct.”

Verses 29-30 – Sins Of Degeneracy: This list of sins has no apparent order.

Debased Human Character: “being filled with all unrighteousness,” – “sin against the will of God.”

“wickedness,” – “injury and hurt done to other persons.” This word encompasses all the sins that are now listed.

“greed,” – Always wanting more; Never satisfied.

“evil;” – trouble: naughtiness, wickedness.

“full of envy,” – ill-will (as detraction), jealousy (spite), envy.

“murder,” – Sin against God’s image; image bearer.

Debased Human Conversation: “strife,” – a quarrel, wrangling, contention, debate, strife, variance; Domestic.

“deceit,” – to decoy; a trick (bait), guile, subtlety.

“malice;” – compound word meaning bad character, mischievousness; they are gossips; to whisper secrets, to say privately what you would not say publicly.

Romans 1:30 – “slanderers,” – talkative against, backbiter.

Debased Human Concepts: "haters of God," – Plain hate for God.

"insolent," – an insulter, maltreated, de-spiteful, injurious; "behaving with insulting and humiliating arrogance to those who don't have the power to retaliate."

"arrogant," – appearing above others.

"boastful," – to brag, a boaster.

"inventors of evil," – discoverer; Coming up with new ways to sin.

"disobedient to parents," – Children in rebellion against God's authority.

Romans 1:31 – "without understanding," – unintelligent, foolish, can't enlighten them."

Debased Human Companionship: "untrustworthy," – covenant-breaker.

"unloving," – hard-hearted towards kindred, without natural affection.

"unmerciful;" – extending no help to others.

3. Verse 32 – Celebrated Depravity:

Romans 1:32 – "but also give hearty approval" – Literally, "applaud."

Application:

1. God Gave Man Freedom To Choose His Own Path And Then Gave Him The Freedom To Live With The Consequences.
2. When Persons Reject God And Repeatedly Go Against His Revelation, They Will Experience The Wrath Of God. His Wrath Is Being Abandoned By God.
3. God's Wrath Can Be Clearly Seen In Moral Perversion. This Is Caused By Exchanging The Worship Of The Creator For His Creation.
4. God Forces Us To Harvest The Crop We Insist On Sowing.