

## ROMANS PART 5, 1:26-32

### INTRO/REVIEW:

- So, what have we seen so far? Humanity suppressing the truth, giving to created things the worship and glory which only belongs to God.
- Because of this God removed His protective hand of grace. The result being an explosion of sexual sin. (vs. 24)
- Though the soul of man only became emptier, he did not repent, acknowledge God, and return to God.
- The result of men and women suppressing the truth they have become fools though they profess themselves to be wise, and foul though they profess themselves to be righteous. In both cases denying God.
- Anyone who examines God, putting God on examination, and then denies Who He is; is a fool.
  - The fool has said in his heart there is no God. (PS 14:1)
- These men and women spoken of here are not only fools, (vs. 22) they are foul. (vs. 24)
- This is an account of God's judicial abandonment of man in sin and rebellion.
- What we see in the world today is absolute proof of what the Apostle tells us here in these verses, God's wrath and anger against sin, the practice of it, the repressing of truth, and wrong place worship.

We will use the same questions as last week. VS. 26-27 & again 28-32.

Do we see three stages of abandonment, of darkness, and depravity?

26-27 (a second giving over)

### WHY DID GOD GIVE THEM UP?

- For this cause God gave them up/ handed them over.
- The reason for this further abandonment is seen in vs. 25
- This abandonment is brought on by sexual immorality, vs. 24, the suppression of the truth, vs 18, and truth being replaced by lies and a wrong placed worship, idolatry. Vs. 25

### HOW DID GOD GIVE THEM UP?

- This led to their refusal to give God due worship which led to the abandonment of the grace of God in restraining man's sinful hearts.
- All God had to do to expose man's sinful heart and see him plunge himself into filth was leave them to what their hearts were capable.

### TO WHAT DID GOD GIVE THEM UP TO?

- God gave them up to the putrid lust of their flesh and imaginations.
- VS. 26: These passions were Vile:
- Meaning; to dishonor. To disgrace. (See vs. 24)
- Honor basically means to evaluate the worth of a person or thing.
- To dishonor is to under value or to value accurately, but refuse to treat the person or thing with the value or respect they deserve.
- The body is to be honored. Here they had devalued it, thus dishonoring the dignity and sacredness of the body.

- They had put an incorrect estimate upon the sacredness, dignity and purity of the physical body, thus to use it in a way which dishonored it.
- **Passions:** Literally ungovernable affections.
- **Homosexuality and lesbianism:** 26 & 27
  - 1 Cor. 6:9, 10, 1 Tim. 1:10, Jude 7
- **Burned:** (vs. 27) To burn out, terrible in intensity, it is the rage of lust. To inflame with lust. It was an all-out endeavor to satisfy their totally depraved natures.
- **Shameful:** disfigurement, deformed or disgraceful.
- **Which was due:** That which was necessary as ordained by divine law.
- **Error:** a wandering," whereby those who are led astray roam hither and thither, is always used in the NT, of mental straying, wrong opinion, error in morals or religion. A deviation from that which is its norm.
- **Which was due:** it is necessary, there is need of, necessity lying in the nature of the case.

### **VS. 28-32**

#### **WHY DID GOD GIVE THEM UP? VS 28, (a third giving over!)**

- Notice the play on words here in VS. 28. "Even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over.
- In response, God did not retain, hold on to them.
- They did not like to retain God in their knowledge. The meaning of "not like," is more literally expressed by saying, "they considered, or momentarily thought about retaining a correct view of God but they rejected it, concluding God was not worthy, He failed their test.
- They did not approve of the thought, they looked, but did not like.
- He gave them up and further removed His restraining hand of grace. He left them to themselves; they abandoned God and God abandoned them.

#### **HOW DID GOD GIVE THEM UP?**

- Here God abandons them in their minds and conscience. This is the most terrifying abandonment of them all.
- Again, we see it is the grace of God that keeps sin in check, keeps morality in check in society.

#### **TO WHAT DID GOD GIVE THEM UP? What is the effect of a reprobate mind?**

- 27) Receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.
- The penalty, or result of God's abandonment was a reprobate mind.
- God gave them over to a debased, reprobate mind.
- A rejected mind, it fails the test, a foolish irrational mind, a mind that fools and deceives itself constantly, a mind that has lost its ability and power to apprehend the truth.
- It denotes a mind judicially blinded so as not to discern the difference between things that are distinguishable, what is good and evil, even by the light of nature.

- The result of God's abandonment was a reprobate mind, which gave way to this great devastating perversity of sin and insanity.
- They did not act according to right reason and judgment towards God.
- Man is now no longer only debased in his conduct; he is debased in his mind and conscience.
- This is so far, far from the mind God intended for man.
  - Phil. 2:5; let this mind be in you that was also in Christ Jesus.
  - 1 Cor. 2:16, we have the mind of Christ.
- **Things that are not fitting**: that is things contrary to nature, violating the laws of man's physical and moral being.
  - See vs. 31, "undiscerning." That is without understanding, not intellectually stupid, but without understanding of the things of God and divine eternal things.
- Vs. 28; **Not Fitting**: They were not suitable to the nature of man as a rational and moral being. It is figurative expression displaying the doing of things that are directly opposite or contrary to the light of reason, wisdom and the dictates of conscience.
- 29-32) the result of dismissing God, and living according to their own ideas, lusts, and perverted pleasures is found in these verses.
- Notice in 29 the phrase; **being filled**. to fulfill, to complete, carry out to the full" to fill to the full.
- Not just a little, not just a toe in the water but filled to its fullest.
- Men have become fools, foul, vile, violent and vicious.
- Man can no longer think straight, his logic is broken, faulty, and foolish. It makes no logical sense, their reasoning and justifying of their actions which are vile, and fail the test of godly reason.
- Men try to justify their sin with psychology and excuses. They say this is not sin, it is medical or biological, this is truth.
- And when the mind has become reprobate there is very little hope, if any, for there is nothing left to appeal to.
- All the foulness and vileness that is in the heart of man is given free scope, it is let loose and the world becomes a kind of living hell.
- These verses are a micro description of hell, the beginnings of hell which will continue forever.
- A condition in which life is lived away from God and all the restraints of God's holiness and grace. See this in **Mark 9:43-48**

### **CONCLUSION:**

- Parents teach, train, spend time with your children.
- But we live in a different kingdom, we live under different principles, power and laws.
- Ours is "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done."
- we have a different citizenship. We are to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.
- In the light of this let us remember 1:16, 17; I am not ashamed of the gospel for it is the **POWE OF GOD!. THE WORLDS ONLY HOPE.**