

When God gives up

Romans 1:24-32

Introduction:

Review:

#1. The _____ of God giving over.

1st. God is punishing sin, _____ not _____

*18) For the wrath of God **is revealed** from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,*

*Galatians 6:7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; **for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap***

2nd. God is punishing sin, with more _____

Psalm 81:11-12** Israel did not obey Me, so **I gave them over** to the stubbornness of their heart, **to walk in their own devices

3rd. God is punishing sin because of independent _____ choices

Judges 10:13 You have forsaken Me and served other gods, Therefore I will deliver you no more.

2 Chronicles 24:20 God said to Judah, because you have forsaken the Lord, He has also forsaken you.

4th. God is punishing sin by removing _____

Acts 14:16 In generations gone by (God) permitted the nations to go their own ways

Luke 22:31 Peter, Satan wants to sift you like wheat

Job 2:6 you cannot take his life

Genesis 6:3: 'My Spirit shall not strive with man forever'

#2. The _____ steps of God giving unbelievers over.

1st - is the downward step toward _____

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

*Matthew 15:19-20 For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, slanders.
Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick*

25) *For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie*

Genesis 3:2 And the woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; 3 but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, lest you die.'" 4 And the serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die! 5 "For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.

What is the Lie?

#1) There are no consequences to your actions

#2) You are in charge of your life

25) *For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever, **Amen.***

2nd - is the downward step toward _____

26) *For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, 27) 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*

3rd - is the downward step toward _____

28) *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,*

29) *being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips,*

30) *slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, 31) without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful;*

- 1 - unrighteousness
- 2 - wickedness
- 3 - greed
- 4 - evil
- 5 - full of envy
- 6 - murder
- 7 - strife
- 8 - deceit
- 9 - malice
- 10 - gossips
- 11 - slanderers
- 12 - haters of God
- 13 - insolent
- 14 - arrogant
- 15 - boastful
- 16 - inventors of evil
- 17 - disobedient to parents
- 18 - without understanding
- 19 - untrustworthy
- 20 - unloving
- 21 - unmerciful

32) 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.

Conclusion:

#1. Rejoice in what _____ can do for you

Romans 5:8) But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9) Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.

*1 Cor 6:9 - 11 Or do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor **homosexuals**, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall inherit the kingdom of God. 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 in the Spirit of our God.*

#2. Maintain a healthy mistrust of _____

#3. Keep the right _____, share the good news

If we have time...

#4. Don't isolate yourself from the _____

#5. Commit yourself to loving those without ____