

When God Gives Up

(Romans 1:18-32)

- Introduction:
1. Just this past week, our nation has been forced to look at itself and ask the question, "What is wrong with us?"
 2. The answer to the question and the solution to our problem can be found in the pages of God's word.
 3. Our God is a God of love, but he is also a God of wrath toward those who do evil.
 4. His wrath is revealed (Romans 1:18) and expressed in at least four different ways.
 - a. Three of these judgments happen presently (Romans 1:24-31).
 - b. One judgment is reserved for later (Romans 1:32).
 5. Let's examine how God executes wrath upon men.

I. By Giving Them Up To Do As They Willed

- A. (Romans 1:24-25).
- B. Men became idolaters.
- C. Men have desired to be as God from the beginning (Genesis 3:5).

II. By Giving Them Up To Vile Passions

- A. (Romans 1:26-27).
- B. Immorality is a short step from idolatry; self-deification leads to self-indulgence.
- C. Homosexuality is condemned.
- D. Vile Passion - shame, disgrace, infamy, degradation.

III. By Giving Them Up To Depraved Minds

- A. (Romans 1:28-31).
- B. God is all but forgotten, and where there is no consciousness of God, there is no restraint.
- C. All forms of immorality and then engaged in.

IV. By Assuring Them Of A Final Judgment

- A. (Romans 1:32).
- B. A man must pay for his sins (Romans 6:23).
- C. This judgment is not unfair, but rather righteous.

V. What Can We Do?

- A. Repent (Romans 2:1-4).
- B. Embrace the Christian lifestyle (Ephesians 4:1).
- C. Proclaim the message of Christ (1 Peter 2:9).

- Conclusion:
1. There is hope; but the hope does not lie in our society, but in God's children and the power of the gospel they live and proclaim.
 2. It's time to awake unto righteousness!