

Romans: The Gospel

# God Gave Them Up

Romans 1:24-32

<b>PG-13</b> <b>Bible for all ages</b>	Bible talks about many things, but does it in a holy way. Talks about ALL sin plainly, honestly. Hate the sin, love the...
<b>[Pray]</b>  <b>:24a</b> <b>Therefore</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Gospel (Good News)</li> <li>• <b>God revealed in Creation Clearly.</b> We Rejected</li> <li>• When we reject what God revealed? We're choosing his wrath (starting with the consequences of our own ways)</li> <li>• <b>When we reject God we try to cover up the truth with lies</b></li> </ul>

<i>One of the scariest verses in the Bible...</i> <b>:24b</b> <b>God gave them up</b> <b><u>Abandonment judgment</u></b>	<b>Not his kindness letting us continue</b> - it's actually the first part of righteous judgment  <i>DG "self destructive result of sin"</i>
<b><u>Given over</u></b>  God says, "OK Have it your way"  <b><u>I'm not leaving you, but I'm handing you over to your ways.</u></b>  <b>to get our attention - before the penalty:</b> consequence, discipline, judgment	<b>He's loving. If we don't want Him, we don't have to have him</b>  <i>"Be careful what you wish for"</i>  Pharaoh hardens heart 9x, God last <b>We need to be very careful.</b>
<b>Proverbs 6:27-28</b> - Can a man take fire to his bosom, And his clothes not be burned? Can one walk on hot coals, And his feet not be seared?  <b>Idolatry is spiritual adultery.</b> God equates adultery and idolatry Gone after another lover.	<b>Romans 5:8</b> - But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that <b>while we were still sinners (remember that as we get into our study)</b> , Christ died for us.  <b>God is the lover of your soul.</b> <b><u>But he's a gentlemen.</u></b>  <b><u>He won't force you</u></b> to...worship, love...

<p><b>But if we won't...what else is there?</b> <b>Nothing good.</b></p> <p><b>We were designed in His image</b>, to reflect (like the moon and the sun)</p> <p><b>We were created to worship.</b> It's our purpose.</p> <p><b>What we worship we become like.</b></p>	<p><b>we think we can be the god of our lives and <u>wonder why it doesn't work</u></b></p> <p><b>Or worse - it does for a little while -</b> but it numbs us to the truth - <u>we're dying without Him</u></p> <p><i><b>The allure of smoking</b>, until you know the facts or have experienced the consequence</i></p>
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<p><b>Gave them up to what? Uncleaness.</b> (physical, moral, motives) <i>Rituals req'd in OT</i></p> <p><b>Where?</b></p> <p><b>In the lust of their hearts</b></p> <p><b><u>Again, this is not an intellectual exercise</u></b> <b><u>The evidence is clear</u></b> <b><u>It's a heart issue</u></b></p> <p><i>Ps 14:1 The fool has said in his heart...</i></p> <p>Pharisees, Whitewashed tombs</p>	<p><b>What the heart wants without God is never love - it's lust</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Phileo - brotherly, Philadelphia</li> <li>● Storge - familiar</li> <li>● Eros - lust, passion</li> <li>● Agape - Selfless, God's love</li> <li>● No, Love is NOT love</li> </ul> <p><b>Jeremiah 17:9</b> - "The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?"</p> <p><b><u>Just because you feel it, doesn't mean it is (don't follow your heart!)</u></b></p>
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<p><b>The result?</b></p> <p><b><u>Dishonoring of their bodies</u></b> Insult, dishonour, treat as <u>worthless</u></p> <p><b>&gt;&gt;</b></p> <p><b>What does it matter what we do with our bodies?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We were made with a purpose. Made in God's image.</li> <li>● They're fragile. Made of dirt. <b>If used wrong, we suffer!</b> <b>(mechanical sympathy)</b></li> <li>● A spiritual spacesuit for our spirit</li> <li>● AND God's</li> <li>● Jesus bought us with His body</li> <li>● The church is HIS body</li> </ul>	<p><b>1 Corinthians 6:16-20</b> - Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For "the two," He says, "shall become one flesh." But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality <b>sins against his own body</b>. Or do you not know that your <b>body is the temple of the Holy Spirit</b> who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? <b><u>For you were bought at a price;</u></b> therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.</p>
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<p><b>Mark 7:18-23</b> - So He said to them, "Are you thus without understanding also? Do you not perceive that whatever enters a man from outside cannot defile him, <b>"because it does not enter his heart but his stomach</b>, and is eliminated, thus purifying all foods?" And He said, <b>"What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, "thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. "All these evil things come from within and defile a man."</b></p>	<p><b>Real defilement, dishonor comes from sin, not steak</b></p> <p><b>It's about our spiritual diet And heart condition</b></p> <p><b>heart attitude</b> Immorality, immodesty, intents, morals,</p> <p><b><u>Sex is spiritual more than physical</u></b></p> <p><b>It's powerful and an act of worship connected with life itself</b></p> <p><i>Idols of old, temple prostitutes, nephilim</i></p>
<p><b>Lust is more than sex, but it degenerates us faster</b></p> <p><b>Apostasy and strange movements</b> look closely and you'll find sexual immorality (now a days you might not even look closely, it's written on their statement of faith, making videos promoting it as godly)</p>	<p><b>Think our society is different?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sexual "revolution"</li> <li>● Drugs (again, idol worship, spiritual)</li> <li>● Prayer out of schools at the same time</li> <li>● Strangers teaching kids about sex</li> <li>● Abortion</li> </ul> <p><b>1916 project, Kinsey/Psychology</b></p>
<p><b><u>Between themselves</u> -</b> <b>When God is absent</b> in any relationship...watch out</p> <p><b>perverts make more pervers</b> and do perverted things with other pervers</p>	<p><i>Corinth &amp; Corinthian church "loving"</i></p> <p><b>1 Corinthians 15:33</b> - Do not be deceived: <b>"Evil company corrupts good habits."</b></p> <p><b>What company do you keep?</b> In real life? In your mind? In your heart? Online?</p>

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<p><b>Exchanged</b></p> <p><b>What was the transaction?</b> Sold the truth <b>OF GOD</b> to buy <b>the lie</b>.</p>	<p><b>Not <u>A</u> lie <u>THE</u> lie</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● anything/anyone can take God's place</li> <li>● <b>worshipping lesser things will bring us greater pleasure, enjoyment, life</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Paul pauses here.</b></p>
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<p><b>Exchange: It's not better, it's worse</b> It's not enlightenment, it's endarkenment You're not sharper, you're duller</p> <p><b>We don't like real accountability (to God)</b></p> <p><b>"Worst deal in the history of deals"</b> Is our worship upward or downward? Are you getting a better deal or worse?</p>	<p>It's a big statement. This is heavy. Sobering. When we think about it. Embrace the truth.</p> <p><b><u>The natural response to receiving the truth of God - We bless God.</u></b></p> <p><b>That's it amen.</b> But let's see how it plays out...</p>
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<p><b><u>Vile passions</u></b> Dishonor, disgrace / feelings, affliction</p> <p>These things aren't intrinsically good</p> <p><b><u>Even their women</u></b> Difference between men and women, <b>vessels</b> - not better, <b>complimentary</b> Tool vs. vase</p> <p>Litmus: A society of cold, heartless women</p> <p><b>The false exchange?</b> That men and women are not the design The design is whatever you want</p> <p><b><u>Natural use for what's against nature</u></b> Laws, order of nature, <b>normal</b></p> <p><b>Yes there is such thing as normal!</b> It's obvious not made to work that way</p> <p><b>Matthew 19:4-6</b> - And He answered and said to them, <b>"Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' "and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two</b></p>	<p><b>shall become one flesh'?</b> "So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. <b>Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."</b></p> <p><b><u>The difference was designed for marriage.</u></b> The safety of healthy marriage. between man and woman. To have children and for children.</p> <p><b>Any marriage is not marriage, either</b> unless it's a man and a woman.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Supreme court refused to hear</i></li> <li>• <i>Also Muslim child marriage</i></li> </ul> <p><b>The progression:</b> <i>illegal, mental disorder, coming out normalized, marriage for acceptance, cakes, be either gender, now kids...</i></p> <p><b>Don't forget the relationship with porn, divorce, adultery...</b></p> <p><b>Hebrews 13:4</b> - Marriage is <b>honorable</b> among all, and <b>the bed undefiled</b>; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.</p>
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<p><b>We give attention to homosexuality in the world and forget about the scourge of pornography, adultery, and divorce...<u>within the church</u></b></p> <p>Maybe if husbands and wives were keeping the fire alive, it'd help a little bit...</p> <p><b>Married Homework 1 Corinthians 7:2-9</b></p>	<p><b>The Roman world was deeply perverse</b></p> <p><b>Their perverse world quickly turned on Christians</b> - persecution no doubt related to "intolerance"</p> <p><b>What are we seeing in ours?</b></p>
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<p><b>Likewise the men</b></p> <p><b>When God is rejected, men don't lead and women grow cold</b></p> <p><b>Burned</b> Orexis - longing, craving, appetite</p> <p><b>When we leave God our desires get turned to the wrong things - and get burned</b> It's a natural appetite - for a man to be with a woman</p> <p><b>"Born gay" -</b> there's no evidence of genetic factor, unlike with addictive behaviors or mental disorders But even if you were - it's sin nature, not natural, and can be rejected. Just as I reject alcoholism, drugs, womanizing</p> <p><i>It is a choice. There is abuse. Not all, but many created by abuse (same with those in prostitution, promiscuity, etc)</i></p> <p><b>Talk about Eunuchs...</b> castrated man</p>	<p><b>Matthew 19:12</b> - "For there are eunuchs who were born thus from their mother's womb, and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He who is able to accept it, let him accept it."</p> <p><b>Eunuchs from womb</b> - physical birth defect, mental issue, etc</p> <p><b>Eunuchs made</b> - physical cut - guarding herem, the choir, and for other reasons we'll discuss shortly</p> <p><b>Eunuch's choice</b> -metaphoric. Lived such a life, want to focus on God.</p> <p><b>"Toxic masculinity"</b> <b>Our society hates men and being manly</b> Wants us all castrated physically or at least emotionally, spiritually, mentally</p> <p><b>Castrating children</b>, pushing it on them (celeb parents, Jazz), lied to, unhappy, confused - many turning to Jesus</p>
<p><b>A confused society</b> <b><u>Given over.</u></b></p> <p><b>A depraved society preys on children</b></p>	<p><b>Nero</b> had boy castrated took as wife <b>NAMBLA</b> <b>Normalization</b> of pedophilia <b>"MAP"</b> Government, Media, Cultural indoctrination</p>

<p><b>Catholics forced celibacy -</b> Celibacy is a choice (HW verse in Cor before) look at the huge problem of abuse <b>Chicken or egg</b> Do they go there or created there?</p>	<p><b><u>It's all a choice.</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God's way.</li> <li>• The natural way.</li> <li>• The truth or the lie.</li> <li>• Feelings or facts.</li> <li>• Honor or dishonor.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Men with men</b> <b>Women with women</b> <b><u>Committing what is shameful</u></b></p> <p><b>Ephesians 5:11-12</b> - And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather <b>expose</b> them. For it is <b>shameful even to speak</b> of those things which are done by them in <b>secret</b>.</p> <p><b>Leviticus 18:22</b> - 'You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination.</p> <p><b>Disgusting act</b> - in all ways - morally, physically and spiritually</p> <p><b><u>Actually defiles the land</u></b> (why God wiped out everything in the flood, fire next)</p>	<p><b>Make no mistake, "Pride" is shameful</b> The act of being proud about it is to try and <b>suppress the truth</b> of their shame with the unrighteousness of pride</p> <p><b>The flag is not a symbol of love, but abomination. Even conquest.</b></p> <p><i>Rainbow - symbol of judgment over, God's promise...</i></p> <p><b>You wear a symbol of abomination and judgment - the cross. They wear a symbol abomination and judgment, rainbow flag.</b></p> <p>What if...flag for murder? Adultery? Lying? Why does the government fly it? Conquest? It's the flag of satan's kingdom</p> <p><b>If you're struggling with this</b>,When did you start accepting what God hates?</p>
<p><b><u>Receiving in themselves penalty due</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Broken hearts</li> <li>• Broken minds</li> <li>• Broken bodies</li> <li>• Mutilated bodies</li> <li>• Irreversible damage by science, medicine, psychology, society</li> </ul>	<p><b>STDs. HIV</b> in 80s after homosexual boom. Fear. Then sorrow. Medicines and treatments for disease. But never the cure of changed behavior. Monkeypox.</p> <p><b><u>Given over.</u></b></p> <p>Feel bad for those sick, hurting, slaves to it, stuck <b>But it is a due consequence</b></p>

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<p><b>Did not <u>like</u> to retain God in knowledge</b> precise and correct knowledge! science!</p> <p><b><u>God gave them over.</u></b> <b><u>Another scary thought.</u></b></p> <p>We don't like thinking about God! We like the mud!</p> <p><b><u>God's wrath. Abandonment judgment. Not because He wanted us out. Because we wanted Him out.</u></b></p>	<p><b>Debased mind</b> Not standing the test, unfit</p> <p><b><u>A mind designed for high things.</u></b> smart things, holy things. Thoughts of God. <b>Given over</b> to thoughts of lowly, dirty, raunchy, revulsive, perversion</p> <p><b>Not fitting - Simple as that.</b> The body has a right use and a wrong use. So does the mind. Right thoughts. Wrong thoughts.</p> <p>Gas cars get gas. Diesel get diesel. Fire in the fire place. Water in the pool. Air for your lungs. Food for your stomach.</p>
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<p><b>Being filled</b> Continual filling up (leaving the charger in) Make fill, full up to the top, complete <b>Noah's day "every thought"</b></p> <p><b>The list, isn't just sexual (KJV)</b> <i>Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, <b>disobedient to parents</b>, Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:</i></p>	<p>(talk about)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Full of envy</b> (remember Pharis)</li> <li>● <b>Haters of God</b></li> <li>● <b>Inventors of evil things</b></li> <li>● <b>Disobedient to parents</b></li> <li>● <b>Undiscerning</b></li> </ul>
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<p><b><u>Knowing</u> righteous judgment of God</b> They know it! They know God They know his judgment They know it's right</p>	<p><b>Knowing that those who <u>practice</u></b> Practice medicine, continually improving Bigger high, bigger crime Seeking out more and more perversion Perversion never stops, isn't satisfied - lust</p>
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### **Knowing all that? Know they deserve death penalty**

**Yes, these things are so bad death is deserved. Required. (already receiving it from their actions)**

**Isaiah 5:20-21** - Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, And prudent in their own sight!

**Matthew 5:13** - "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

### **Salt & light**

**A tragedy that keeps unfolding. Given over. Want more. Given over more. Want even more. Given over even more.**

**God gave us up to what we wanted  
But he also bought us back. If we want to go.**

**The way out is the way back - repenting**

**changing our minds on what the truth is what the lie is.**

What is good. What is bad. What is love and what isn't. Who we are. Who made us. What we're made for. Who we're made for.

**The way forward is death if we don't. We've been warned.  
We've rejected, what will it take to accept it?**

**We've been Given over. maybe even nationally now...  
near the point of no return.**

the spiritual war has become a physical one.

**But personally there's still time. Which kingdom are you a part of?**