

God gave them up!

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worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

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- Romans 1 makes it clear that man is not evolving or getting better but worse
- Man has decided that he knows better than God and is reaping the consequences of his actions
- You will never understand how much he loves you until you realize how big a mess you got yourself into
- Paul like a lawyer is going to take these first 3 chapters to prove that all men every where are sinners and cannot fix themselves

1. God is angry against all sin! **1:18** For **the wrath of God** is revealed from heaven **against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;**
 - a. You cannot appreciate the wonder of God's grace until you know the demands of God's law
 - i. You can't appreciate His grace until you know about His fierce anger against sin
 - ii. There are more references to the anger, fury, and wrath of God than to His love and tenderness
 - iii. Romans speaks of God's wrath in 5 verses

1. **2:5** But after thy hardness and impenitent heart **treasurest up unto thyself wrath** against **the day of wrath** and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;
 2. **2:8** But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, **indignation and wrath,**
 3. **4:15** Because **the law worketh wrath:** for where no law is, *there is* no transgression.
 4. **5:9** Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be **saved from wrath** through him.
 5. **9:22** *What* if God, willing to **shew his wrath,** and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:
- b. The plan of salvation doesn't start with how good God is but rather with His wrath and anger. He reveals His wrath.
- i. They rebel and do not respect God and He responds **Psalm 2:5** Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, And vex them in his sore displeasure.
 - ii. The answer is to come to the Son **Psalm 2:12** Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, And ye perish *from* the way,

When his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed *are* all they that put their trust in him.

- c. If you do not see yourself as sick you will not need the doctor. He is angry with all sin! [1:18](#) For **the wrath of God** is revealed from heaven **against all ungodliness and unrighteousness** of men, **who hold the truth in unrighteousness;**
- i. God has shown us His wrath towards sin throughout the Scriptures
1. Men die because of sin [Romans 5:12](#) Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and **so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:**
 2. The world was destroyed in a flood [Genesis 6-7](#)
 3. God destroyed man's unity and language over sin [Genesis 11](#)
 4. He destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah [Genesis 18-19](#)
 5. He destroyed Pharaoh and his army [Exodus 14](#)
- ii. He warns of His wrath in the New Testament [John 3:36](#)
He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the

wrath of God abideth on him. I Corinthians 16:22 If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, **let him be Anathema** Maran-atha. Ephesians 5:6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things **cometh the wrath of God upon** the children of disobedience. Colossians 3:5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: **6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh** on the children of disobedience: II Thessalonians 1:7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, **8 In flaming fire taking vengeance** on them **that know not God,** and **that obey not the gospel** of our Lord Jesus Christ: **9** Who shall be **punished with everlasting destruction** from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

iii. They have spoken against Him but He will judge them **Jude 14** And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, **Behold, the Lord cometh**

with ten thousands of his saints, 15 to **execute judgment** upon all, and to **convince all** *that are* ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all *their* **hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.** 16 These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and **their mouth speaketh great swelling words**, having *men's* persons in admiration because of advantage.

- d. Not only do they sin and offend God but they hold the truth in unrighteousness 1:18 For **the wrath of God** is revealed from heaven **against all ungodliness and unrighteousness** of men, **who hold the truth in unrighteousness;**
- i. That means that they claim the truth is not godly
- ii. Truth is that men love their sin more than God
- John 3:19-20 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and **men loved darkness** rather than light, because **their deeds were evil.** 20 For every one that **doeth evil hateth the light**, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd.

- iii. They deny that God exists so they can continue in their sin **Psalm 14:1** **The fool** hath said in his heart, **There is no God**. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, *There is none that doeth good*.
 - e. Know that God is angry every day **Psalm 7:11** God judgeth the righteous, And God is angry *with the wicked every day*.
2. The problem isn't that men don't know God but that they reject God **19** Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for **God hath shewed it unto them**. **20** For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even his eternal power and Godhead*; so that **they are without excuse**: **21** Because that, when they **knew God**, they **glorified him not** as God, **neither were thankful**; but became **vain in their imaginations**, and their **foolish heart was darkened**.
- a. Man knows there is a God. He knows that things are right and wrong
 - i. Creation shows him **20** For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being

understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that **they are without excuse:**

ii. His conscience shows him **2:15** Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and *their* thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)

iii. They knew God and rejected Him and things just keep getting worse and worse **21** Because that, when they **knew God, they glorified him not** as God, **neither were thankful;** but became **vain in their imaginations,** and their **foolish heart was darkened.**

b. God is going to show us that all man kind has sinned and fallen short of the glory of God

c. Man's rejection is shown in different stages

i. Man knew God

ii. Man didn't glorify God as God

iii. Man was not thankful to God

iv. Man began to have empty thoughts of his own

v. Man's foolish heart was darkened

d. Doubt is the middle position between faith and unbelief

e. Man rejects God simply because he does not like God

3. Once men reject God they think themselves wise 22

Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, 23

And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

a. Actually true wisdom starts with the fear of God

b. They are actually fools denying God

c. They develop their own religion changing the truth into a lie

d. Man does not invent religion because he is seeking God but rather that he is running away from God

e. They want a God on their level that they understand

4. God gives man up! 24 Wherefore **God also gave**

them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

26 For this cause **God gave them up** unto vile

affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: 28 And even as they did

not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, **God gave them over** to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

- a. This doesn't mean that God quit on man but rather He let man choose his own way and its consequences
- b. He allowed them to make up their own truth and religion even though it was a lie **25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.**
- c. He allowed them to rebel against His plan for marriage, sex, intimacy and to receive the consequences of their sin **26 For this cause God gave them up** unto vile affections: for even their women did change the **natural use** into that which is **against nature:** **27** And likewise also the men, leaving the **natural use** of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and **receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.**
- d. Since they didn't want Him or His truth He allowed them to have a reprobate mind **28 And even as they did not**

like to retain God in *their* knowledge, **God gave**

them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

- i. Reprobate means unapproved, worthless, rejected, false, miserable
- ii. Reprobate is a mind rejected by God
- e. This reprobate man takes man down a horrible spiral 29
Being **filled with all** unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, 30
Backbiters, **haters of God**, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31
Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:
- f. This horrible wickedness that takes place makes it obvious that man deserves punishment 32 **Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.**
 - i. They know what God says and how He judges sin but don't care

- ii. They know that they deserve death but still continue
 - iii. They not only like their sin but others that are doing the same sin!
- g. God gave them up
- i. They were allowed to reject Him
 - ii. They were allowed to go their own way and do their own thing
 - iii. They were allowed to decide for themselves what to do with their lives
 - iv. With their decision would come the consequences
 - v. He hates sin and is angry that they would replace Him with themselves or whatever other false god!
 - vi. God gave them up doesn't mean that He doesn't love them, want them, or that He won't save them. It means He allows man to bring all this mess including Hell on Himself