

# Romans 06 – God Gave Them Up

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Romans 1:24-27

## Prologue: Ungodliness

- Ungodliness (ἀσεβεία) – Separating one's self from God for fear of judgment due to rejection of His truth
  - Godliness became ungodliness moment of sin
  - Rejection of God's morality as basis for life and society
  - Antithesis is basis of morality, society and life (LEM)
  - Example: Man/Woman eating of Tree of Knowledge: Fear of and separation from God; Cain raised as god (Ge 3:6-13, 4:1)

## Prologue: Unrighteousness

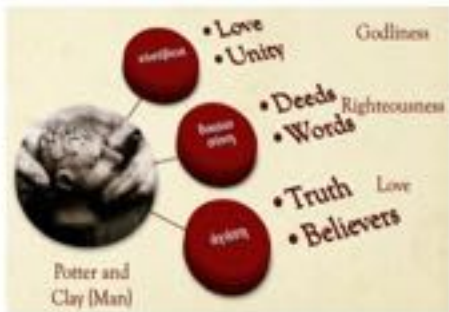
- Unrighteousness (ἀδικία) – All thoughts, words and deeds flow from ungodliness: Antithesis of Righteous
  - Violation of moral code written on each person (image of God) apart from any law: Gentiles (Anomism)
  - Guilt: God's gift revealing morality violation (Guilt → Works: Man and Woman sewed fig leaves to cover genitals; sexual aspect of their sin {knowledge})

Rejecting God's commandment rejected all God's morality.  
Man/Woman violated their purity spiritually then physically  
Cain conceived in sin (Ge 3:15-16; Ps 51:5)

## Prologue: Suppression of Truth

- Unrighteousness suppresses (κατέχω) truth: Hold down or restrain (Impotent over the Omnipotent)
  - ἀσέβεια and ἀδικία (Darkness) hate truth (Light) which reveals their morality being from Lucifer; not God (Jo 8:44)
  - Cain, rejected by God, *suppressed*, killed, (ἀδικία) Abel, accepted of God, because it revealed his ἀσέβεια (Ge 4:3-8)
  - False Judaism *suppressed*, killed, (ἀδικία) Messiah; He revealed their ἀσέβεια (Jo 1:1-5, 9-12)

## Prologue: Pre and Post Fall



Pertains only to Man and Woman before sin



Pertains to Man and Woman after sin and Everyone ever born

## Prologue: Goal-Old to New Person

- Old flesh never designed to live in eternity future
- This Creation never designed to be eternal
- New Creation requires a new creature (Co 5:17)
- Always God's Plan (Ep 1:3-10)



## God Let Mankind Go

- Paul writes of a judicial decision to let mankind enjoy the consequences of embracing his *false* truth (Lie)
  - This letting go occurred with the Cataclysm (Ge 6:1-8)
  - Lamech bragged about only wounded a man who insulted him rather than killing him: Mercy?? (Ge 4:23-24)
  - Military (nephilim) aggression and mixed marriages spread ἀσέβεια overpowering nearly all godly families

God not caught unaware by sinful man's violence and degradation of nearly everyone (Omniscience)  
God saddened about the necessary judgment sin required (Ez 18:23)  
Henceforth, God worked solely through individuals, beginning with Noah

## Therefore, God Judged Mankind

- Because mankind rejected God's Truth worshiping creation, natural consequences ensued:
  - Christ alluded to judicial judgment in His teachings; judgment ends only when full price is paid (Mt 5:25-26)
  - Ungodliness, spiritual impurity, always results in unrighteousness, physical impurity → immorality
  - Body is the only true possession; to be is to have a body

Being Totally Depraved is ungodliness (ἀσέβεια); without hope of goodness from one's self  
Unrighteousness (ἀδικία) is not behaving as wickedly as possible; that is a learned progression  
Physical impurity is simply missing one's body other than intended by God; may include sexual immorality

## Natural State of Lost Man

- Positive feedback loop
  - Inner degradation AEB outer degradation
  - Idolatry powerless to save to stop the downward spiral
  - Only Christ breaks this cycle: Salvation



## God Judicially Judged Mankind

- Body most obvious form of degradation (1Co 6:12-18)
  - The more God's Truth rejected, the further the descent in degradation
  - Restored only by Jesus at salvation: New Man (2Co 5:17)
- This is not to mean one cannot change.  
Means one cannot make one's self righteous  
One can change morals; Satan does this for confusion
- Rejected God's Truth

Worshiped Creation

Spiritual-Physical Uncleaness

- Impurity: Dishonoring The Body (Immorality, Etc.)
  - Disfiguring the Body

- Born with Disgraceful Passions (Uncontrollable)
  - Lesbianism, Bestiality, Etc.

- Just Penalty for their Error
  - Homosexuality

## Man's Improper Knowledge

- Irony: Man and Woman pursued wrong knowledge; sacrificing truth for the lie of Satan (1Th 2:9-12)
  - Man chose to be as god only to become less than man
  - Sinful man suppresses God's truth to spread Satan's lie
  - God allows man to live in his delusion which becomes more degrading as an uncontrollable positive feedback
  - Impotent man has no hope except the grace of Christ

## Man's Choice: Ungodliness

- Man was serving the eternal Creator; sin exchanged the eternal for the ephemeral
  - Each person reaffirms sin by his/her rejection of God to worship the creature which is impotent to save (1Jo 2:16-17)
  - Amen: Absolute, eternal, enduring, Truth
  - God alone is the blessed (εὐλογητός) (Good Word) eternal Creator; essence of His nature: Truth

## Sexual Immorality

- Modern man believes himself to be *free* from the ties of traditional, biblical, sexual mores
  - Sexual freedom touted in music, books, television, etc.
  - Birth control released people from sexual consequences
  - Spiral of degradation testifies to one's ungodliness

- Lie of sexual freedom: *Slavery to the flesh, world and Satan with ever more depraved cravings; never satiated*

(Pr 6:16-19, 30:15-30)

This is the core of addiction: Slavery to the uncontrolled cravings of the flesh  
Occasionally addiction may be somewhat controlled; but, if one goes back to the addiction,  
The appetite is the same as when it was throttled; it never stops

## Another Irony

- Lost claim God unrighteously punishes them for doing that which is *natural* in the body
  - Actually, God is not doing that; yet
  - God lets the sinner *enjoy* his, her, debauchery and all of its consequences: Degradation and Violence
  - Lost people and their societies use government {force} to try and control the ever more uncontrollable sinful flesh

## Epilogue: Truth of the LGBT

- LGBT community, using government force, demands everyone agree their behaviors are good and *normal*
  - Their goal from the beginning of this modern movement has been to legalize all forms of sexual sin
    - Lesbianism/Homosexuality
    - Pedophilia
    - Multiple, simultaneous sexual partners
    - *After the Ball: How America Will Conquer its Fear and Hatred of Gays in the 90s* - A strategy book of the LGBT movement

## Always Present in Ancient World

- Sexual degradation has always been present in societies showing their universal proclivity for sin
  - Because nothing is new; it was probably prevalent Antediluvian also (Ecc 1:1-11)
  - Sodom and Gomorrah (Ge 19:1-9)
  - Hellenism - Sparta
  - Rome - Promiscuity with slaves as well as having a family for procreation very common

## Religious Pietism Spread this Evil

- Roman Catholicism and its offshoots: Greek Orthodoxy and Protestantism condemned sexual debauchery, often violently, which only insured its growth because it was not scriptural
  - Sin cannot be controlled by the flesh nor by the lost
  - More Pietism spread the more intense became the agitation for all forms of immorality

## Public Education Pietism

- Public education in America was the principle means of developing Protestant religion and morality amongst the population beginning in Massachusetts (Puritans)
  - This *iron club* approach was supported by 19<sup>th</sup> century Republicans until Democrats developed their own piety
  - From the 1960s onward, Protestant pietism fell before New Age Gnosticism; now, a different morality is forced onto people via public education (The worm turns)

## Bible is Clear: Preach the Gospel

- Christians are to live and teach the Gospel, the Bible, focusing on salvation then spiritual maturity (Gc 2:20)
  - Pietism promotes morality, not necessarily salvation; these are not synonymous
  - Pietism is applied force, formal and/or informal
  - Gospel is at peace with all people even while the lost seeks to suppress God's truth which exposes their lie (Ro 12:16-21)

## How Do We Do This?

- When asked the reason for the *hope* that is in us {Christ}, we are to give biblical reasoning {apologia} (Col 1:27, 1Pe 3:14-20)
  - We do not accuse the Lost; expecting the lost to live in Christ is like expecting a cat to be as a dog: Impossible
  - When Christ died in His flesh, He proclaimed the good message (Gospel) (εὐ-αγγέλιον) to those in Sheol
    - Saved in Paradise: Victory; included Noah and his family
    - Lost in Hell: Includes Antediluvians (He gave them up)

## God Does Not Use Force

- God did not force morality on mankind, He let them live out their sin and its consequences; so should we
  - Cataclysm remolded the earth into continents to inhibit globalized Gospel suppression; Babel insured separation
  - People suffer degradation and violence: Still reject God
  - Paul has shown sin's consequences in the body
  - Next, he will list non-bodily forms of unrighteousness