

Romans 1 “Delivered Over”

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24 Therefore God delivered them over in the desires of their hearts to sexual impurity, so that their bodies were degraded among themselves. 25 They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served what has been created instead of the Creator, who is praised forever. Amen.

26 For this reason God delivered them over to disgraceful passions. Their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. 27 The men in the same way also left natural relations with women and were inflamed in their lust for one another. Men committed shameless acts with men and received in their own persons the appropriate penalty of their error.

28 And because they did not think it worthwhile to acknowledge God, God delivered them over to a corrupt mind so that they do what is not right. 29 They are filled with all unrighteousness, evil, greed, and wickedness. They are full of envy, murder, quarrels, deceit, and malice. They are gossips, 30 slanderers, God-haters, arrogant, proud, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, 31 senseless, untrustworthy, unloving, and unmerciful. 32 Although they know God’s just sentence—that those who practice such things deserve to die—they not only do them, but even applaud others who practice them.

Good news. Bad news.

Romans 1:16-17

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, first to the Jew, and also to the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith, just as it is written: The righteous will live by faith.

Romans 1:18

18 For God’s wrath is revealed from heaven against all godlessness and unrighteousness of people who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth

How is God’s wrath presently revealed?

Romans 1:24-25

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God delivered.

The punishment for sin is more sin.

Romans 1:26-27

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The best things became disordered.

A flawed re-interpretation.

Romans 1:32

32 Although they know God's just sentence—that those who practice such things deserve to die—they not only do them, but even applaud others who practice them.

Romans 4:25

25 He was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Justification is more than being declared innocent, but we are declared sons and daughters and given a new standing.

Life Group Discussion Questions

- 1.) What did God say to you through His Scripture during our Sunday gathering?
- 2.) How do you like to receive bad news? Good news first, if there is any? Hear bad news quickly or ease into it?
- 3.) Why do you think conversations about sin are often difficult and defensive?
- 4.) Discuss the idea that God's wrath is being revealed by His delivering people over to their own dark hearts and disgraceful passions. What does this say about God? What does this say about us?
- 5.) Why do you think sexuality impacted when we exchange the glory of God for lesser things?
- 6.) Homosexuality is at the beginning of a long list of sinful conduct (1:29-31). What position is Paul forming through this section of Scripture?
- 7.) Read Romans 1:32. How does our "applauding" sin express an even deeper darkness?
- 8.) Why might Romans 1:16-17 be important to keep in mind when understanding our current passage? What good news does it give us?
- 9.) All of our lives have been impacted by sin, our sin and other's sin. How might this section of Scripture cause you grieve over sin and be more vigilant against it?