

“Wrath that Gives Us Over”
Romans 1:24-32
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I. God’s Wrath that Gives People Over (vs. 24, 26, 28)

- A. God’s present wrath upon humanity’s rejection of Him includes His giving people over to their *own* sinful desires and actions.
- B. Those sins and their resultant misery are His present judgment.

II. God’s Gives Some People Over to Degrading Lusts (vs. 24-27)

- A. Homosexual activities *and* desires are sinful.
- B. They are particularly shameful because they are against God’s creation order.
- C. Those who are given to them dishonor their bodies, which is itself a judgment.
- D. 1st century Greco-Roman culture, which celebrated such activity, particularly needed this vivid reminder (so does our culture...).

III. God Gives All People Over to a Depraved Mind (vs. 28-32)

- A. A “depraved mind” is a mind that’s worthless.
- B. Such a mind inevitably produces the catalogue of sins listed in vs. 29-31.
- C. Those sins and the misery they always create are *also* God’s present judgment upon rebellious humanity.
- D. All of us have known those sins and resultant misery because all of us have been under the wrath of God.

Ephesians 2:3 - Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

- E. “But God...”

Ephesians 2:8-10 - ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; ⁹ not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.