

Does God Ever Give Up?

Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lust of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves:

Romans 1:24

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Background to Romans 1

Audience: Jewish/Gentile Converts at Rome, v. 7

Purpose: To announce that salvation is available to everyone, through the gospel of Christ, v.16.

Warning: Those who reject God will receive eternal damnation.

What does it mean when God “gives up?”

- Literally, “handing one over to the consequences of one’s choices” or “let them do what pleased them”
- God judges that repentance is unlikely, **Hebrews 6:4-8**, as a result of a continual practice of sin.
- Man gives up on God first. **Hosea 4:6**

Reason #1: Uncleaness

- **Verse 24-** A lustful heart produces uncleaness.
- **Genesis 6:5-** Without God, man seeks uncleaness.
- **Genesis 6:3** “Spirit strives” in us. **Romans 8:9**
- **2 Timothy 1:13** “Hold fast the pattern of sound words...”

Reason #2: Vile Affections

- **Verse 26-** Desire produces shameful actions.
- **Exodus 32:25-** Man degrades morally and spiritually.
- **Genesis 19:11** Vile affections produce unnatural and unclean intentions and actions. **Jude 7**
- **1 Corinthians 6:9-11**

Reason #3: **Reprobate Mind**

- **Verse 28-** Sin produces a debased, corrupt mind.
- **Job 21:14-** Man can refuse the knowledge of God.
- **2 Thessalonians 2:10-12-** “Refused to love the truth and so be saved.”
- **Mark 7:13**

Why did God give them up?

- **Verse 21**- They failed to glorify him.
- **Verse 21**- They failed to thank him.
- **Verse 22**- They were foolish.
- **Verse 23**- They changed the glory of God.

Conclusion

- Willful arrogance is a doorway to losing our salvation.
- Have you given up on God?

Invitation

Hear

Believe

Repent

Confess

Be Baptized

--Live faithfully

Repent

Confess

Pray

--Remain faithful