



Salvation: Why? and How?

Romans Chapters One to Five

Calvary Baptist Church

Sermon 5: When God Says "Enough"

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Romans 1:24-27

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INTRODUCTION:

- Last sermon: 1) God Revealed (In Nature) 2) God Rejected (By Idolatry)

I. The Causes of God's Judgment

A. Because of God Revealed and God Rejected (Cf., 1:23) "Wherefore"

B. Because of Their Trading of the Worship of God for the Worship of Man (25; cf., 2 Thess. 2:11)

CHANGED *metallasso* - To exchange. To stop one thing and start another. Also in vs. 26.

WORSHIPPED *sebadzomai* - To express in attitude and ritual one's allegiance to and regard for deity. (Louw and Nida)

SERVED *latreuo* - To perform duties or services for. To serve in worship. Example use: Rev. 7:15

II. The Contents of God's judgment

A. God gave them up to Uncleanness (1:24)

- Remember, this is because that, when God revealed Himself, they rejected Him and chose idols.

GAVE THEM UP *paradidomi* - To hand over, deliver up. Example use found in Matt. 4:12. Repeated in vs. 26.

UNCLEANNES *akatharsia* - Refuse. (The state of) moral impurity (often sexual). (Cf., Mt. 5:8)

B. God gave them up to Vile Affections.

- Remember, this is because they abandoned the worship of God to worship created things. (1:25)

GAVE THEM UP *paradidomi* - To hand over, deliver. See vs. 24.

ILLUS: Letting go of the rope.

III. The Consequences of God's Judgment

A. Dishonoring Their Bodies (24)

LUSTS *epithumia* - Strong sexual cravings.

DISHONOUR *atimadzo* - alpha privative + timao. To treat someone in a shameful manner. (Cf., Lk. 20:11)

B. Man Becomes Slaves to Shameful Passions (26)

VILE *atimias* - Adj. form of the verb in vs. 24 ("dishonor"). Shameful. A + timao.

AFFECTIONS *pathe* - passion, suffering.

C. Homosexuality

1. Female Homosexuality (26)

NATURAL - *phusikos*. That which is according to nature.

USE - Function. Louw and Nida use the phrase "sexual function."

2. Male Homosexuality (27)

LEAVING *aphiemi* - to forsake, leave, abandon.

BURNED *ekkaio* - to start, kindle, inflame. This is an aorist passive. Used in the literature far more often literally than figuratively.

LUST - *orexis* - Longing, desire.

UNSEEMLY - *aschemasune* - indecent behavior, a shameless act or state.

D. Reaping the Consequences (27)

RECEIVING - *apolambano* - To recover, to receive back.

RECOMPENCE - *antimisthea*. Wage, reward, exchange.

ERROR *plane* - deceit, deception, delusion, perversion.

MEET *dei* - Imperfect. Was necessary.

- There are natural consequences.
- But greater by far are the spiritual consequences. (1 Cor. 6:9 ff.)

Romans 1:26–27 contains the clearest teaching in the New Testament on homosexuality. In this section Paul described the practice as "shameful," "unnatural," "indecent," and as a "perversion." Mounce, *NAC Romans*