

**Romans 1:24,25**  
**GOD GAVE THEM UP TO UNCLEANNES**

- I. Man's sin.
  - A. Who are the objects of God's work in our text? Those who are already dead in sin.
    - 1. They are the ungodly and unrighteous "who hold the truth in unrighteousness" (18).
    - 2. Believing their own lies, they changed the truth of God into a lie, fastening their desires on creatures rather than the Creator.
  - B. Our text describes their fall into immoral sins: "uncleanness" is the condition of the mind which delights in sexual filth.
    - 1. The result of this uncleanness is that they "dishonor their own bodies between themselves," i.e., homosexual actions.
    - 2. History records this happening at various times in the specific location of individual cities (Sodom and Gomorrah).
- II. Sin leads to sin because "God also gave them up" (text, 26) and "over" (28).
  - A. Scripture uses this word for casting one into jail (Matt. 4:12; Acts 8:3) and is translated "betray" (40 times).
  - B. The context speaks of the activity of God's wrath on sin (18).
    - 1. God's wrath is revealed from the beginning when man held the truth in unrighteousness (18).
    - 2. This shows what is the essence and the consequences of sin: man falls below beasts with homosexuality.
  - C. While God gives man up to more sin, the cause is always "the lusts of their own hearts."
    - 1. It is so powerful that they "burned" (27): an insatiable lust after the unlawful even as it destroys self.
    - 2. Thus God leads man to the destruction which they rightly deserve (32).
- III. The result of this activity of God is that He is "blessed forever."
  - A. Man's dishonoring of God does not detract from His unchangeable and intrinsic blessedness.
  - B. Specifically God's blessedness is evidenced in the world when He justly responds to man's sin by punishing it.
  - C. That not every sinner is judged and condemned is the gospel – God's grace works in some to will and to do His pleasure, not ours.
  - D. Then we say "Amen" to God's blessedness.