



God Gave Them Up Romans 1:24-27

I. God Gave Them Up to the Dirtiness of Lust (vv. 24-25)

- A. To the _____ of their hearts (v. 24a)
[Jms. 1:14-15; Jer. 17:9; Matt. 15:18-19]
- B. To _____ impurity (v. 24b)
[2 Cor. 12:21; Gal. 5:19-23; 1 Thes. 4:3-8; Ex. 20:14; Lev. 20:10; Deut. 22:22; 1 Cor. 5:1-2; Matt. 5:27-28]
- C. To _____ their bodies (v. 24c)
[1 Thes. 4:3-8; Eph. 5:3; 1 Cor. 6:15-16]
- D. Because of the dark _____ (v. 25)
[Jer. 10:14; 2 Thes. 2:11]

II. God Gave Them Up to Dishonorable Passions (vv. 26-27)

- A. Women exchanged _____ relations for those that are contrary to nature (v. 26) [Isa. 44:20; Jer. 13:25; Jn. 8:44]

- B. Men were committing _____ acts with men and were consumed with passion for one another (v. 27a)
[Gen. 19:11; 1 Cor. 6:9-10; Gal. 5:19-21; Eph. 5:3-5; 1 Tim. 1:9-10; Jude 7; Matt. 19:4-6]

- C. There will be due _____ for their error (v. 27b)
[Lev. 18:22; 20:13; Rom. 12:19]

III. God Gave Them Up to to a Debased Mind (vv. 28-32)

Is homosexual sin is worse than heterosexual sin?

1. Homosexuality goes against a human's intended _____
(Gen. 1:27-28; 2:24)
2. Homosexuality is treated more _____ in the Scripture (Gen. 19:24-25; Rom. 1:26-27)
3. Homosexuality adversely affects a person's _____ of himself (Jn. 3:19-20)
4. Homosexuality _____ the picture of Christ's relationship to the church (Eph. 5:22-33)
5. Homosexuality _____ God will forgive instead of fearing His judgment (1 Cor. 6:9-11; Jn. 14:15; 15:5-6)

TAKE HOME:

- _____ did God give them up to the lusts of their hearts and to impurity?
- _____ is homosexual sin more perverse than heterosexual sin?
- _____ can you do as a Christian to address this area in your sphere of influence?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at placiritachurch.com.

1. Read Romans 1:24. Why did God give them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity? Who is this verse talking about? (Rom. 1:18-13) Where does lust come from? (Jms. 1:14-15; Jer. 17:9; Matt. 15:18-19)

2. What kind of impurity is verse 24 talking about? Why is it important to understand this? (2 Cor. 12:21; Gal. 5:19-23; 1 Thes. 4:3-8; Ex. 20:14; Lev. 20:10; Deut. 22:22; 1 Cor. 5:1-2; Matt. 5:27-28)

3. In what way were they dishonoring their bodies? How specifically was Christ dishonored? (1 Thes. 4:3-8; Eph. 5:3; 1 Cor. 6:15-16)

4. Read Romans 1:25. What is the exchange taking place here? How do we prevent this? (Jer. 10:14; 2 Thes. 2:11)

5. Read Romans 1:26. Why do you think Paul addresses women first? What is the lie in this verse? How does idolatry lead to sexual immorality? (Isa. 44:20; Jer. 13:25; Jn. 8:44)

6. Read Romans 1:27. What was happening to the men? How is this passion consuming them differently than heterosexual passion? (Gen. 19:11; 1 Cor. 6:9-10; Gal. 5:19-21; Eph. 5:3-5; 1 Tim. 1:9-10; Jude 7; Matt. 19:4-6)

7. What will be the due penalty for this error? (Lev. 18:22; 20:13; Rom. 12:19)

8. Is homosexual sin worse than heterosexual sin? Explain your answer using Scripture.

9. Read the take home questions. Which one challenged you or encouraged you the most? Why? How will you live your life differently based on what you have learned from this passage?

“Homosexuality is being passed off today by some as a sickness and by others as a legitimate alternative lifestyle. Christians must be careful not to accept the world’s moral judgments but to be guided by God’s Word.”

- William MacDonald, Believer’s Bible Commentary