



Romans 1:24-27

When God Abandons A Culture

- I. **Introduction:** Paul tells the Roman believers that when God abandons a people, he gives them over to their own sinful lusts so that they destroy themselves.

- II. When God Abandons A Culture (**Rom 1:24-27**).
 - A. They Dishonor Their Bodies (**v. 24**).
 1. Paul proclaimed to the Romans that when God judicially abandons a nation, He gives them over to sexual desires, which defile their bodies.

 - B. They Deify Their Self (**v. 25**).
 1. Paul reveals that those who abandon God are given over to the delusion that they can be a god, which inflicts further pain and suffering on themselves.

 - C. They Distort Their Sexuality (**vv. 26-27**).
 1. Paul declared that because of mankind's wickedness, God gives people over to homosexual desires that go against His design and nature.

- III. **Conclusion:** Paul says that when God abandons a culture, they embrace hedonism, assert their independence from God, and burn with homosexual desire for one another.



Questions About: When God Abandons A Culture

1. What happens to a culture when it rejects God? How does God reveal His wrath? **(Rom 1:18-32)** What does Paul mean when he says “God gave them over”? **(Rom 1:24, 26, 28)**
2. What is the first effect of God’s abandonment of a culture? **(Rom 1:24)** What does God give mankind over to first? **(v. 24)** What are the lusts of their hearts? **(Matt 15:19-20)**
3. Where do the lusts of our hearts come from? **(James 1:13-15)** How do our lusts destroy our lives? **(Rom 1:28-32; 6:23)** How do they lead to dishonoring of our bodies? **(v. 24)**
4. What is the second effect of God’s abandonment of a culture? **(Rom 1:25)** What is the truth that man has exchanged? **(John 17:17)** What is *the lie* that human beings believe? **(Gen 3:1-7)**
5. What is the state of our human experience? **(Rom 6:6-7; Eph 2:1-3)** How are all people enslaved to sin? **(John 8:31-36)** Why do people want to be free from God’s rule?
6. What is the last effect of God’s judicial abandonment? **(Rom 1:26-27)** How is homosexuality unnatural? **(v. 26)** How is it a degrading passion? **(v. 26)** How is it shameful? **(v. 27)**
7. How does God feel about homosexuality? **(Lev 18:22; 20:13; 1 Cor 6:9-11; Gal 5:19-21)** How is it irrational? **(Rom 1:28)** What does God tell homosexuals to do? **(1 Cor 6:9-11)**
8. What hope can we offer to sinners? How were the Corinthians guilty of these same sins? **(1 Cor 6:9-11)** How does God cleanse people of their sin? **(Isa 1:18; Psalms 51:2,7)**

Prayer

1. Pray that God would wash you, justify you, and sanctify you if you do not know Him.
2. Ask God to help you share the good news with someone who needs to hear His truth.