



## Romans 1:28-32

### When God Abandons A Culture (Part 2)

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

**II.** When God Abandons A Culture (**Rom 1:28-32**).

A. There's a Mental Decline (**v. 28**).

1. Paul proclaimed to the Romans that because mankind has chosen to ignore God, God gave them a mind that cannot make the right moral decisions.

B. There's a Moral Decline (**vv. 29-31**).

1. Paul states that when a person's thoughts are devoid of God, their life will be characterized by unrighteous behavior that corrupts every part of their existence.

C. There's a Social Decline (**v. 32**).

1. Paul declared that sinners understand that committing these sins rightly lead to death, but they continue to do them, and they encourage others to do sin also.

**III.** **Conclusion:** Paul says that when God abandons a culture, sinners are given over to mental, moral, and social darkness that devastates their lives, unless they turn to God.



## Questions About: When God Abandons A Culture

1. What happens to a society when it rejects God? Why do human cultures face God's wrath? (**Rom 1:18-32**) What does it mean for God to give a culture over to sin? (**Rom 1:24, 26, 28**)
2. What is the first thing that happens to a culture that rejects God? (**Rom 1:28**) What happens when they refuse to think about God? (v. 28) What is a depraved mind? (v. 28)
3. Why are unbelievers incapable of making moral judgments? (**Rom 1:28; 2 Cor 4:4**) How does a depraved mind lead to depraved living? (v. 28) What happens to morality? (**Isa 5:20**)
4. What effects does depraved thinking have on a culture? (**Rom 1:29-31**) Why is a culture that rejects God filled with sin? (**vv. 29-31**) Why does Paul list so many sins in this first chapter?
5. What sins stand out to you from this list? (**Rom 1:29-31**) How are sinners enslaved to their sin? (**John 8:31-36**) What does it take for God to free them from their sins? (**John 3:1-16**)
6. What is the final effect of God's judicial abandonment? (**Rom 1:32**) What do sinners instinctively know about their sin? (v. 32; **Rom 6:23**) How do they know this? (**Eccl 3:11**)
7. Why do sinners applaud others who follow down the same sinful path? (**Rom 1:32**) How does the world celebrate sinful behavior? (v. 32) How are cultures that do this cursed? (**Isa 5:20**)
8. Why does God give sinners over to their sin? (**Rom 1:18-32**) How does moral darkness lead sinners to turn to the light? (**Isa 9:2; John 8:12**) Do you think we live in a time of darkness?

### Prayer

1. Pray that God would use the dark times we live in to turn people to Jesus Christ.
2. Ask God to help you share the hope of the gospel with someone who needs to hear about Jesus.