**Sermon Series:**

***How Did We Get Here?***

*(a verse-by-verse study of Romans 1 and 2)*

***When God Has Had Enough!*** *(Part 3 cont.)*

**Romans 1:24-32**

One of the terrifying realities of Scripture is that God’s mercy has ***limits***!

*(Jeremiah 44:22 - NIV)*

**I.** God Has Given Man Over To The Impure ***Lusts*** Of Their ***Hearts*** *(vv 24-25)*

**II.** God Has Given Man Over To The Degrading ***Passions*** Of Their ***Flesh*** *(vv 26-27)*

These verses are all about the sin of homosexuality, which is a sin that is consistently ***condemned*** in the Bible in the strongest terms possible.

**A.** Homosexuality Is A Sin That Is Utterly ***Degrading*** *(v 26a)*

The word translated **“*dishonorable passions”*** isa word that refers to that which is “***morally*** despicable or ***physically*** repulsive.”

In his effort to describe the sin of homosexuality, Paul would have been hard-pressed to find a more ***descriptive*** word to use!

The word ***“exchanged”*** implies that the people who engage in this sin have actually cast-aside God’s divine ***design*** in preference to their own sinful ***desires***.

God has revealed His wrath against man’s sin by giving men exactly what they ***want***!

It’s not so much that God ***sends*** judgment on mankind, as it is that mankind ***brings*** judgment on himself.

**B.** Homosexuality Is A Sin That Is Completely ***Unnatural*** *(vv 26b-27)*

In **vv 24-25,** we’re told that God gave men over to their ‘***natural***’lusts***,*** butnow in **vv 26-27,** we’re told that God has given them over to ‘***unnatural***’ lusts.

Paul’s point is that homosexuality goes against God’s ***design*** in creation and is therefore, completely unnatural.

Homosexuality is not an ‘***alternative*** lifestyle’ that is somehow accepted by God, and itisnot ***hereditary*** - that is, people aren’t born that way!

The phrase ***“consumed with passion”*** actually means to \_\_\_\_\_ with intense desire. *(Genesis 19:5)*

The word translated ***“shameless”*** is a word that refers to that which is “indecent, inappropriate, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

**C. Homosexuality Is A Sin That Is Ultimately \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** *(v 27c)*

The phrase ***“the due penalty of their error”***is better translated “the fitting \_\_\_\_\_\_ of such perversion.”

The ***“error”*** that Paul is talking about here is not an unintentional \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but rather it is a deliberate \_\_\_­­\_\_\_.

Remember, in **vv 24-25** the consequence of sexual sin was even more sin. That is, sin itself is its own \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

In other words, there are \_\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_ consequences. Remember, homosexuality itself is a judgment.

**I**n ***‘giving men up,’*** God not only let’s men and women do what they want to do, but He also hands them over to the self-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ effects of their sinful choices.

**Conclusion:**

***There is no sin that is beyond God’s*** *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****!***

**I Corinthians 6:9-11**

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