Romans Lesson 3

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INTRODUCTION

- Today we're going to be talking about three of the saddest statements that are found in the Bible.
- Three different times the Bible says that God gave them up.
- Man was in sin and he's lost because of sin, not just because he rejects Jesus as the Son of God.

1 Without Excuse: They First Gave God Up

Romans 1:19–23; Psalm 14:1; Jeremiah 10:23

- For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power in Godhead, so that they are without excuse.
- It isn't that God gave them up because he was unconcerned. God loves all men. God wants all men to be saved.
- While God gave them up, it is because they first gave God up.
- They substituted the glory and the honor and the praise that should have been given to God.
- Oh Lord, the way of man is not in himself. It is not in man that walketh to direct his own steps.
- It is saying that God allowed man to reap what he was sowing.

2 God Gave Them Up to Uncleanness

Romans 1:24–25; Ephesians 5:3; Colossians 3:5

- Every time the word uncleanness is found really in the New Testament, it's usually with a category of immorality, sexual immorality.
- When man turns his back on God and he looks at himself, the downward spiral begins.
- Romans 1 24 and 25 really describes what happens when men worship themselves.
- Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lust of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves.
- The consequences of sin are not only eternal, but they also even reap ruin in this life.

3 God Gave Them Up Unto Vile Affections

Romans 1:26–27; Leviticus 20:13; 1 Corinthians 6:9–10

- For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections. For even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature.
- What that really says is sin is never satisfied.
- There's a normal place for sex, the natural use.
- The Bible says that homosexuality has been condemned both old and new testament times, even before the law of Moses.
- God who gave us choice also gave us ability to be in self-control.

- Sin is never satisfied. And if we don't learn self-control, then matters only get worse.

4 God Gave Them Over to a Reprobate Mind

Romans 1:28–32

- Even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind to do those things which are not convenient.
- Literally, a reprobate mind is a mind that cannot distinguish right from wrong.
- What's happening in our country today is because there is no fear of God in the hearts of men.
- But they not only know these things, they encourage others to join with them.

MY NOTES