

Sermon Series:

“How Did We Get Here?”

Sermon Title:

“When God Has Had Enough!”

(Part 1)

Sermon Text:

Romans 1:24-32

Introduction:

- **In this passage the Wrath of God is presented in 2 distinct ways: 1) The *Current* Wrath Of God (chapter 1), and 2) The *Coming* Wrath Of God (chapter 2)**
 - In chapter 1 Paul talks about the wrath of God as a **Present Tense Reality**.
 - In chapter 2 Paul talks about the wrath of God as a **Future Tense Inevitability**.
- What was Paul’s ultimate reason/primary objective for this **2-sided** presentation of the wrath of God?
- **There are several defining characteristics that differentiate between these 2 types of wrath:**
 - - **The Current Wrath of God** is presented to us as something that is relatively **passive** in nature.
 - **The Coming Wrath of God** is presented to us as something that is fiercely **active** in nature.
 - - **The Current Wrath of God** actually allows sin to steadily **increase**.
 - **The Coming Wrath of God** breaks loose it will actually cause sin to completely **cease**.
 - - **The Current Wrath of God** is completely **reversible**.
 - **The Coming Wrath of God** is **eternal**.
- In **verses 24-32** Paul presents **3** specific examples of **The Current Wrath of God**, and the key to identifying what they are is the repeated phrase **“God gave them over”** which is found **3** times in these **9** verses.
- **The idea of God giving sinful mankind over to something actually has a 2-fold meaning: it can be understood both *passively* and *actively*.**
 - In a ***passive sense*** this phrase means that God has simply **withdrawn** His restraining and protective hand, and has thus allowed the **consequences** of sin to take their inevitable, destructive course.

In this sense, **“giving mankind over”** refers to God’s **abandonment** of mankind to the consequences of his own sinfulness!

“Often the judgment of God comes in ways that you would never expect!”

Please don't misunderstand, God's abandonment of mankind to the consequences of their sin is not an **eternal** abandonment!

II Peter 3:9

➤ In the ***active sense*** this phrase means that God has ***deliberately ordained*** specific, terrifying acts of judgment to come upon man because of his sin.

In that sense, the phrase ***“God gave them over”*** means that He has completely turned someone over to the ***immediate display*** of His furious judgment!

▪ **In verses 24-32 the passive outpouring of the wrath of God is seen in at least 3 ways:**

1) *God Has Given Man Over To The **Impure Lusts** Of Their **Hearts** (vv 24-32)*

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

3) *God Has Given Man Over To The **Total Depravity** Of Their **Minds** (vv 28-32)*

▪ These 3 paragraphs are to be understood as 3 of the different ***“fallen conditions”*** to which God has ***“given men over,”*** as a manifestation of His current wrath.

▪ **All 3 of these judgments have 3 things in common:**

1) *Each group has **received** some revelation about God.*

2) *Each group has **rejected** that revelation.*

3) *Consequently, each group is **given over** to some form of sin, as a manifestation of God's wrath.*

Conclusion:

***God's anger against sin has either been directed
at **Jesus** or it will be directed at **us!*****