

Romans 1:27 - Wrath Revealed: God Abandons Man to Dishonoring Passions (Part 2).

- Theme: We must understand God's view of LGBTQ.

I. Christian Thinking about the LGBTQ Practice - Romans 1:26, 27.

- A. God Himself Gives Mankind Over - Ro 1:26b (Psa 81:12).
- B. God Has Reasons for Giving Mankind Over - Ro 1:24-26a.
- C. God Gives Mankind Over to a Particular Abandonment - Ro 1:26c-27.
 1. The essence of this abandonment is degrading passions - Ro 1:26c (Lev 18:22; 1 Cor 6:9-11; Eph 2:3; Col 3:5; Jam 1:13, 14).
 2. The expression of this abandonment is unnatural sexuality - Ro 1:26d-27a.
 - a. Women - Ro 1:26d.
 - b. Men - Ro 1:27a.
 - i. The person abandons (forsakes) the natural function (sex) of women.
 - ii. The person burns in desire for others of the same sex (Gen 19:11).
 - iii. This person commits indecent acts with others of the same sex (Mat 5:21, 22, 27, 28).
 3. The extent of this abandonment is receiving the due penalty - Ro 1:27b (Gen 18:25; Luk 6:34; 23:41; Gal 6:7, 8).

II. Christian Thinking about the LGBTQ Person - Romans 1:28-32.

- A. All people, believers and unbelievers, are made in the image of God (Ge 1:26-28).
- B. All people, believers and unbelievers, must be treated with compassion, dignity, love, kindness & respect (Matthew 7:12; Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31; Romans 12:10; Jude 1:22, 23). Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture (Ephesians 4:29, 30; 5:4; Colossians 3:8; 4:6).
- C. All people, believers and unbelievers, are sinners (Rom 3:10, 23).
 1. Other people's sins may not make sense to you, but it makes perfect sense to them (Jam 1:13, 14).
 2. The sins that we commit are just as much against God as the LGBTQ (Rom 1:28-32; 1 Cor 6:9-11).

- D. All sinners who confess and forsake their sin through faith in Jesus Christ alone can receive redemption and restoration (Psa 8:4; Matthew 11:29-30; John 3:16-18; Acts 3:19-21; 16:31; Romans 3:19-4:5; 6:23; 10:9-13; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; 10:13; 15:10; Ephesians 2:1-10; Hebrews 2:17, 18; 4:14-16).
 - Have some humility: "There, but for the grace of God, go I."
- E. All Believers must love all unbelievers to the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ (Jude 1:22, 23).

Conclusion - "I have never despaired for any man since God saved me."

Questions for Thought and Discussion.

1. From this message, what was the truth that stuck out the most to you?
2. How are sinful desires of any kind and acting on those desires different? How are they the same?
3. In Romans 1:27, is God speaking about AIDS? Why or why not?
4. Time magazine ran a cover story on AIDS: "The Big Chill: Fear of AIDS." It says that AIDS is "a vague sort of retribution, an Old Testament-style revenge... AIDS pushes monogamy right back up there on the priority list." What are we to think that even the world sees as stated in this article?
5. Can a person legitimately justify LGBTQ issues according to proper Bible study? What are some of the words God uses in Ro 1:26, 27 to let us know?
6. What is a Christian to think about the LGBTQ practice?
7. What is to be the Christian's attitude toward individuals who are enmeshed in depravity?
8. Is the reprobate mind of Rom 1:28 more associated with a) homosexuality (Rom 1:26, 27) or with b) a list of sins (Rom 1:29-32)? Why do you think that most people associate LGBTQ sins with being reprobate and not the list of sins in Rom 1:29-32?
9. What is the only hope for all sin & sinners? How does 1 Cor 6:9-11 address this?

Thoughts for Prayer.

1. Pray that God would help us all at Grace to understand God's perspective on the LGBTQ practice.
2. Review each of the five points under "Christian Thinking about the LGBTQ Person." Pray that God would up us all at Grace to practice that thinking and behavior toward everyone.