## God's Judgment in a Culture Gone Wild

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Introduction:

**Romans 1:24** Therefore <u>God gave them over</u> in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. **25** For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. **26** For this reason <u>God gave them over</u> to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, **27** and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error. **28** And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, <u>God gave them over</u> to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, **29** being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips, **30** slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, **31** without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; **32** and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.

## #1 The D of God giving over (God gave them over)

## 1<sup>st</sup> God is punishing sin now, not just \_\_\_\_\_

Galatians 6:7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap

## 2<sup>nd</sup> God is punishing sin with more \_\_\_\_\_

**Psalm 81:11-12** Israel did not obey Me, so I gave them over to the stubbornness of their heart, to walk in their own devices

## 3<sup>rd</sup> God is punishing sin because of independent \_\_\_\_\_

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**Judges 10:13** You have forsaken Me and served other gods, Therefore, I will deliver you no more. **2 Chronicles 24:20** God said to Judah, because you have forsaken the Lord, He has also forsaken you.

### 4<sup>th</sup> God is punishing sin by removing \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 14:16 In generations gone by (God) permitted the nations to go their own ways

Luke 22:31 Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat Job 2:6

Genesis 6:3 My Spirit shall not strive with man forever

## #2 The <u>D</u>

## steps of God giving unbelievers over

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Matthew 15:19-20 For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adultery's, fornications, thefts, false witness, Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick

**Genesis 3:4-5** "You surely will not die! 5 "For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

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#### Conclusion:

#### A - Rejoice in what

\_\_\_\_ can do for you

**Romans 5:8-9** But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us **9** Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.

B - Keep the right \_\_\_\_\_, share the good news

C - Don't isolate yourself from the \_\_\_\_\_

D - Commit yourself to loving those \_\_\_\_\_ Christ

### **QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH IN CHRIST**

Why do Christians not see God's wrath in the midst of the cultural decline?

- 2. How can you describe the process of God judging sin today?
- 3. How do untaught believers respond to the cultural decline surrounding them?

4. What does Romans 1 teach believers about how they should respond to a declining culture?5. What steps will you take to respond to Romans 1, especially as it relates to the LGBTQ agenda?

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