

**The Glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ**  
**A Survey of the Book of Romans**  
*Romans 1:24-32*

Mankind's Foundational Sin: Rejecting God as Our Creator and Turning to Idols  
Romans 1:21-23

The Result: God Gave Us Over to Our Passions.  
Romans 1:24-25

Homosexuality -vs- God's Original Intent for Men and Women  
Romans 1:26-27; Genesis 1:26-27, 2:23-24

Further Examples of Rejecting God of which we are all guilty  
Romans 1:28-32

Warning: Christian, Be very careful of Hypocrisy  
Romans 2:1-4

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***Digging Deeper into Romans 1:24-32***

Read Romans 1:18-32

1. When mankind chose to suppress their knowledge about God, He turned us over to our own devices. Notice the phrase “God gave them up” (ESV) in vs: 24, 26, & 28. Discuss the sinful actions that mankind was turned over to. How prevalent are these today? How about in your life?
2. Verse 32 presents a sobering, even terrifying truth. Why do we want to drag others down with us in our sins?
3. Tony suggested that homosexuality was not the worst sin Paul could think of, He mentions it because it is the reversal of God original intent in Genesis. Read Genesis 1:26-28 and 2:21-25 and discuss how God intended marriage, sexual intimacy, and children as a package deal. Discuss how we have separated them to our peril.
4. Discuss the reality of sexual temptation in our world today, including same sex attraction. Our modern wisdom (or lack thereof) has taught us to make our sexual orientation our primary identity. Discuss the downside of this trend.

**Resources for further study on Same Sex Attraction.**

Richard B. Hays; **The Moral Vision of the New Testament: A Contemporary Introduction to New Testament Ethics** (Harper One Publishing, 1996). *Chapter 16 addresses the subject of homosexuality with biblical precision and grace.*

Rebecca McLaughlin, **Confronting Christianity: 12 Questions for the World’s Largest Religion** (Crossway Publishers, 2019). *Chapter 19 is titled “Isn’t Christianity Homophobic?” Dr. McLaughlin, as someone who has same-sex-attraction, gives a compelling answer to this question. Rebecca also writes regularly for the Gospel Coalition ([www.gospelcoalition.org](http://www.gospelcoalition.org))*

Brad Harper and Drew Harper, *Space at the Table: Conversations between an Evangelical Theologian and His Gay Son* (Zeal Books, 2016). Brad is a friend of mine. He and Drew were very courageous in writing this book.

Caleb Kaltenbach, **Messy Grace: How a Pastor with Gay Parents Learned to Love Others Without Sacrificing Convictions.** (Waterbrook Publishing, 2015)

**The Center for Faith, Sexuality, and Gender** (<https://www.centerforfaith.com>)

This organization is lead by Preston Sprinkle who works tirelessly to teach Christians how to hold up biblical principles but deeply love all people no matter their sexual orientation. Check out the “Resource” link for great information. You might not agree with everything, but you will be challenged and informed.