



ROMANS

Forming Faith by Favor & Freedom

~ an intensive study ~

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Session 5

Romans 1:18 – 2:16

- **How God Reveals God's Self**

- 1:18-23

- How can people be expected to know God?

- **When God Lets Go**


- 1:24-32

- What could cause God to let people go off into unrighteousness?

- **When the Righteous God Judges**

- 2:1-16


- What are the grounds of God's ultimate judgment?



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How God Reveals God's Self (1:18-23)

- God is revealed to everyone
 - God is revealed in creation
 - God is revealed in contrast to human wisdom
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When God Lets Go (1:24-32)

- παρεδωκεν (paredoken).
- *To hand over, to give or deliver over; to give over into one's use. To case out.*
- The act of excommunication - i.e., left without the protective covering of God's care

Three times in this section (1:24, 26, and 28) of the letter, "God gave them up..."

To what does God hand over/deliver people?

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When God Lets Go (1:24-32) - cont'd.

- 1:24 – slave to uncleanness
 - impure hearts lead to degraded bodies
- 1:26 – slave to vile passions
 - natural affections give way to unnatural desires
- 1:28 – slave to debasement (unfit mind)
 - debased minds lead to death-dealing

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When the righteous God Judges (2:1-16)

- All will be judged according to God's standard (1-11)
 - Human beings are prone to hypocrisy
 - Human standards are flawed
 - God leaves room for grace
 - God is impartial
- All will be afforded opportunities to make it right (12-16)
 - Doing > Hearing
 - Jesus is the lens through which God will judge