



# GRACE-POWERED LIVING

## A Study of the Book of ROMANS

WHEN GOD LETS GO  
Romans 1:24-32

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**Introduction:** How does God deal with those who consciously reject the knowledge of God that every person has received? Warning: Paul's answer is politically incorrect in today's culture.

Review:

1. Unbelievers have **received** a knowledge of God. (Romans 1:20)
  
  2. Unbelievers have **rejected** the knowledge of God. (Romans 1:21)
  
  3. Unbelievers have **replaced** the knowledge of God. (Romans 1:22-23)
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- I. **The Way Down (Romans 1:24-32)**

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## WHEN GOD LETS GO

### A. God Abandons Unbelievers to **Immorality** (Romans 1:24-25)

Romans 1:24-25 “<sup>24</sup>Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, that their bodies might be dishonored among them. <sup>25</sup>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.”

### B. God Abandons Unbelievers to **Abnormality** (Romans 1:26-27)

Romans 1:26-27 “<sup>26</sup>For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, <sup>27</sup>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.”

1. Homosexuality is **degenerative**. (Romans 1:26)

2. Homosexuality is **degrading**. (Romans 1:26)

3. Homosexuality is **destructive**. (Romans 1:27)

### C. God Abandons Unbelievers to Depravity (Romans 1:28-32)

Romans 1:28-32 “<sup>28</sup>And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, <sup>29</sup>being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips, <sup>30</sup>slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, <sup>31</sup>without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; <sup>32</sup>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.”

### II. The Way Up (1 Corinthians 6:9-11)

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 “<sup>9</sup>Or do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, <sup>10</sup>nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall inherit the kingdom of God.”

1 Corinthians 6:11 “And such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God.”

Conclusion