

**1. \_\_\_\_\_ does God abandon a nation? (v. 25)**

God abandons a people who have rejected Him and \_\_\_\_\_ Him with idols.

This is happening because we have long since explicitly \_\_\_\_\_ God from our country.

We have replaced the worship of God with the worship of \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. \_\_\_\_\_ does God abandon a nation? (vv. 24, 26-32)**

When God gives over a nation, or a person, in this sense of abandoning wrath, He removes His normal restraining \_\_\_\_\_ that serves to limit our plunge into sin.

God gave them over to their \_\_\_\_\_ and impurity. (v. 24)

When a society becomes \_\_\_\_\_, when the general character of a society can be seen to be immoral, this abandoning wrath is in effect.

God gave them over to \_\_\_\_\_ passions. (vv. 26-27)

Plain and simple, Paul is talking about \_\_\_\_\_, both lesbianism and sodomy.

These are the very kinds of people for whom Christ \_\_\_\_\_ and wants us to reach for Him!

God gave them over to a \_\_\_\_\_ mind. (vv. 28-32)

So what is a depraved mind? It's a mind that presumes to \_\_\_\_\_ God, their very Creator, and decide that He is worthless, antiquated, or just plain non-existent.

People then make up their own moralities, in line with the things they like, and start "morally" \_\_\_\_\_ of people who do the same things they do. (v. 32)

And even though they know law of God, because it's written on the hearts, and know that such things carry a death penalty before God, they consider such knowledge \_\_\_\_\_.

**Calvary Connection Group**  
Discussion Questions for the week of Jan. 12, 2020

***Getting to Know Me***

- Do you prefer M&Ms or Skittles? Why?
- Are you struggling with a practical decision right now? Without violating any confidences, can you share it with us so that we may pray with you?

***Into the Bible***

- What one thing stood out to you in this week's sermon as something important to understand and apply?
- Many people find it difficult to discuss things like homosexuality without embarrassment. Yet Paul speaks openly and honestly about it, a little too honestly for some of us, from 2,000 years ago. What does this tell you about the Bible and its value to us today?
- Have you ever felt like God must judge America? How does the tense of the verb in Rom. 1:18, and the 3 stages of abandoning wrath in this sermon address that feeling?
- Do you sometimes feel like homosexuals, and those who approve of them, are the enemy? (It's hard not to sometimes in our rapidly changing culture.) Read Matt. 9:11-13 and 1 Cor. 6:9-11. How should this change your attitude about sinners?

***Application***

- What signs of the 3 stages of God's wrath of abandonment do you see in our culture today? How have these things impacted you or your family?
- What modern idols do the people around you appear to worship? What about yourself? Any idols that you are tempted to worship? If so, what should you do about that?