

ROMANS STUDY

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GRACE.
THE FOUNDATION OF NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY.

Romans 1:24-32

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

Behind The Mask

The Gospel of Grace, The Foundation of New Testament Theology
According to Grace By The Argumentation of the Apostle Paul

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Romans 1:24-32

Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, 25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

26 For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even the women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. (the sciences)

27 Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the women, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting.

29 being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, (which is the foundation for their pleasure seeking, sex-centric religion) wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil mindedness; they are whisperers, 30 backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31

undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful;

32 who, knowing THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT OF GOD, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same - but also approve of those who practice them.

We are studying what is known as an epistle, written to the church(es) of in and around Rome, Italy – the seat of the Roman Empire in the year 64 A.D.

We have seen the wonderful greeting of Paul - The Apostle of Grace

Romans 1:3-4

Concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, 4 and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.

Romans 1:7

To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints:

Romans 1:8

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.

Romans 1:16-17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.”

A warning given to the last generation(s)

2 Timothy 3:1

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:

2 For men will be lovers of themselves,

Behind The Mask

1.) Is the abuse

vs. 24-25

Behind The Mask – Is Abuse

1a.) Abuse of the soul

vs. 24a

Verse 24

24 Therefore God also gave them up

Therefore God!

The argument – even the structure of language – demands a prerequisite, a preexisting condition

#1 Charge

Romans 1:18

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

This is the general revelation of the fact that God's Wrath-Judgment is continually present – looming as it were over this world.

There is in Scripture what is known as:

Cataclysmic Wrath.

These are judgement-events of either nature or man, which causes suffering

There is Eschatological Wrath.

These are judgement-events of either nature or man, directly relating to End of Days, Last Days prophecies.

There is Circumstantial Wrath.

These are judgement-events that come about due to disobedience to God or rejection of His Lordship.

There is Ethnological Wrath.

These are judgement-events that come upon Nation(s) who forget God or neglect God or refuse God.

There is Individual Wrath.

These are judgement-events that come upon a person who is either in rebellion to God or openly hostile toward God.

#2 Charge

Romans 1:21

because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

#3 Charge

Romans 1:22-23

Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

Deuteronomy 32:35b
Their foot shall slip in due time; For the day of their calamity
is at hand, and the things to come hasten upon them.'

Psalm 73:18-19
Surely You set them in slippery places; You cast them down to destruction.
19 Oh, how they are brought to desolation, as in a moment!

"The one who is walking in slippery places is always prone to falling at any moment. All they need to fall into eternity is their own weight upon their feet. There is no need for any external person or pressure that is needed for them to slip. They are their own weight!"

- Jonathan Edwards
Sinners In The Hands of An Angry God
July 8, 1741, Enfield Connecticut

Gave grk: paradidomi to hand over to, allowed to take, to no longer prevent –
but to surrender over to, to permit or issue the permission to

The “Giving Up” is God Giving up.
This is truly remarkable. Because what is declared here is that all the while,
as they were sending and descending down into depravity – he was still
waiting for them to turn to him.

God doesn't just give up on us – it first takes us giving up on God.
(at some point, God gets the “hint” and leaves the building)

Attention Please. Now Hear This.

The ultimate wrath of God revealed, is not volcanoes and earthquakes or hail stones falling from the sky – the ultimate manifestation of his wrath upon a person or a nation, is giving them over to their desires.

“If they do not want Me in their lives, then they can have themselves for their lives. I will give them the freedom to have exactly what they want to do.”

“It is the giving up of an abusive life and lifestyle
that becomes preferred. It becomes a choice to live rather than escape.”
It was one thing to dabble in such experiences and temptations – but then to
decide to stay in it was a near fatal decision. Now the soul has become
darkened and is near to being set.

Behind The Mask – Is Abuse

1b.) Abuse of the body

vs. 24b-25a

Verse 24b-25

to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, 25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie,

1 Thessalonians 4:3-5

For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; 4 that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, 5 not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God; 6 that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger

uncleanness	grk: akatharsia impurities, tainted, a mixed or polluted version, impure metals. (contaminants)
lusts	grk: epithumia strong desire, inflamed passion, a longing, flashes of thought or impulses (the characteristics of temptation)

1 Peter 2:11

Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,

dishonor	grk: atimazo to devalue or treat in an unworthy manner, to treat shamefully, to treat with contempt, to take down, lessen, or deconstruct.
Exchanged	grk: metallasso (meta / lasso) to attempt to change one thing to another, to go about to exchange the purpose, design, use or intent of something for that which is not purposeful, designed, useful or intended. To deviate from what is normal and functional.
Lie	grk: pseudos a lie, to lie, lying, to repeat a lie or to engrain (etch, carve, mark, as a groove or track) a falsehood in the mind, a pseudo-practice, a pseudo-science, a pseudo-reality,

Luke 17:28-30

Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; 29 but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. 30 Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

Verse 25b

and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator,
who is blessed forever. Amen.

worshipped grk: sebazomai to be in awe of, to bow or to surrender to, to give yourself to in thought and action

served grk: latreuo the offering up of service to, full devotion resulting in energy spent on, time given to, attention paid to, to give yourself at the altar of.

The Wrath of God is Made Clear Here:
This “dishonor(ing)”

The more men and women seek to honor their bodies {focus on the priority, looks, feel, sense, appearance of the physical body} – the more we are given over to the demands of our body. Physical drives and appetites of the creature comforts.

Here's some examples:

Leisure – taken to its extremes, it becomes the idol of apathy and we will love it so.

Food – taken to its extremes, it becomes the idol of gluttony and we love it so.

Entertainment – taken to its extremes, it becomes the idol of amusement and we love it so.

Money – taken to its extremes, it becomes the idol of independence and we love it so.

Fun – taken to its extremes, it becomes the idol of pleasure and we love it so.

Sports - taken to its extremes, it becomes the idol of fantasy and we love it so.

Sex - taken to its extremes, it becomes an idol of dominance and we love it so.

Religion - taken to its extremes, it becomes the idol of deity and we love it so.

**This indictment by God,
reveals who is behind the mask – they are worshippers and servants of
the god they have created.**

Matthew 5:27-29

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ 28 But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

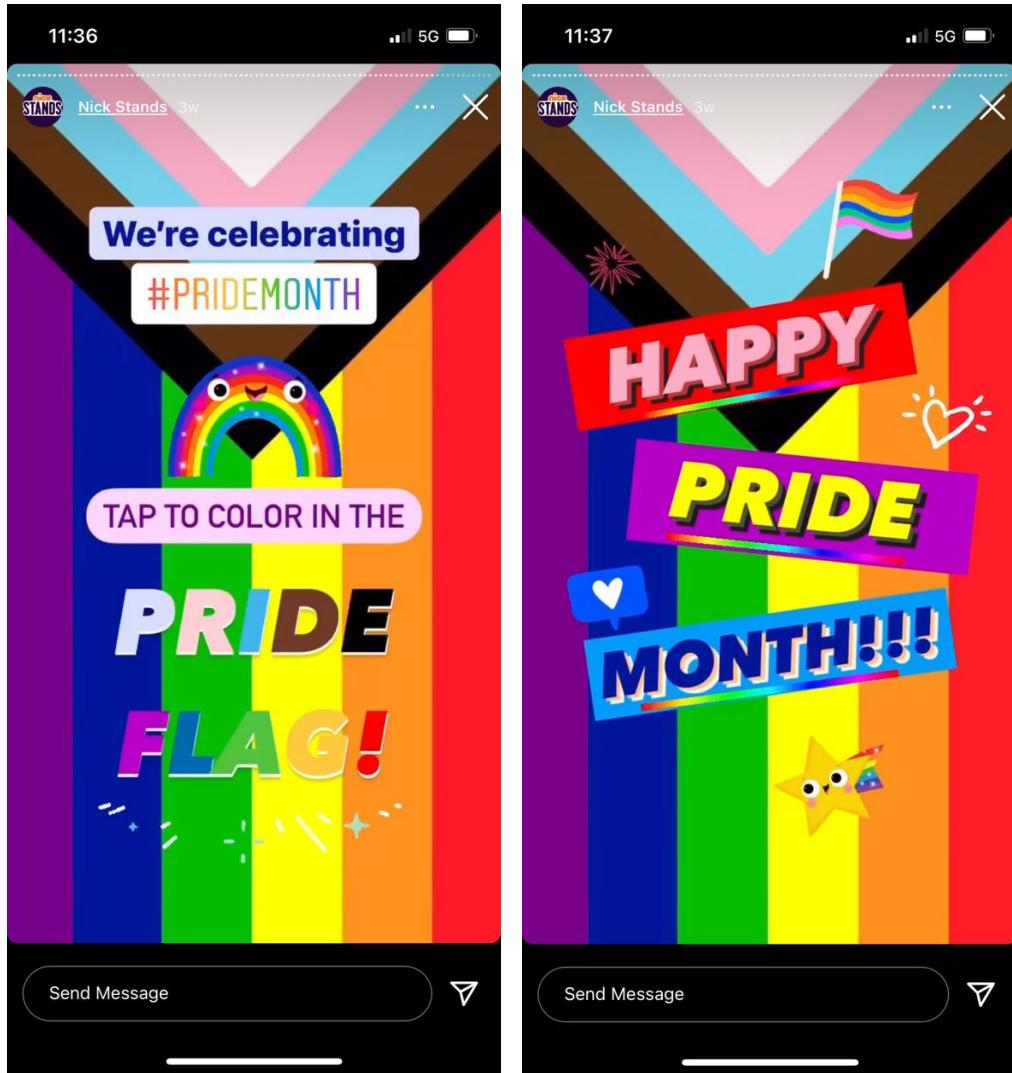
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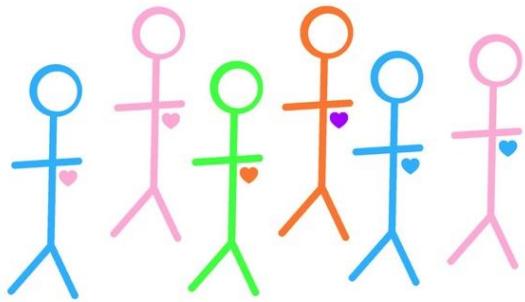


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GENDER IDENTITY

Gender identity is how a person feels and who they know them self to be when it comes to their gender. There are more than two genders, even though in our society the genders that are most recognized are male and female (called the gender binary) and usually is based on someone's **anatomy** (the genitals they were born with). This is gender assignment and it is based on an assumption that someone's genitals match their gender. However, gender isn't about someone's anatomy, it is about who they know them self to be. There are many different gender

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