

2/11/2024 - Speaker: Al Schaap
Series: Anchored – A Study in the Book of Romans
Passage: Romans 1:18 - 2:4 (p. 1112f.)

*The Gospel is The Power of God (“dunamis”/dynamite)...
...intent: “for the salvation of everyone who believes (1:16)*

*Revelation #1: a _____ from God revealed
in that Gospel (17)*

*...God-provided righteousness that comes, first to last,
_____*

*Revelation #2: the _____ of God (1:18) against those who
are _____*

- against “godlessness” (“asebeia” – evil directed against God)
- against “wickedness” (“adikia” – evil directed against humans)

...those who _____ the truth God has been revealing

*Pre-quel Revelation #3: “_____” Revelation...
clearly shows what is “invisible” about God*

Results:

*...Rebels/Prodigals are without excuse!
...Downward Spiral toward ultimate death!
Spin Cycle #1:*

- Thinking becomes _____
- Hearts become _____/_____

Therefore “God gave them over” (24)...

Spin Cycle #2:

- _____ one another: sexual impurity
- Exchanging truth for a lie
- Worshiping/serving creation (bodies: theirs/others) instead of
The Creator (flipped order/anti-creation)

Therefore “God gave them over” (26)...

Spin Cycle #3:

- shameful lusts...natural for unnatural relations
- focused, specific physical consequences

Spin Cycle #4:

- _____ minds
- ...Not accepting what God is showing us about Himself
& His design for living
- ...Not retaining God-enlightened knowledge

Therefore God “gave them over” (28)...

Spin Cycle #5

○ *We get what we want: God-_____ minds & lives: every kind of wickedness/evil/greed/depravity*

*...God-less _____ ("They are full of"):
envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice*

*...God-less _____ ("They are"):
gossips, slanderers, God-haters(!), insolent, arrogant, boastful*

...God-lessness _____: _____ evil

...God-less in _____: disobeying parents

...Bankrupt: sense-less, faith-less, heart-less, ruthless

Spin Cycle #6: they know God & know His decree that we who live this way deserve death...but they

○ _____ these very death-sentencing things

and

○ _____ doing them!

*However, this isn't pointed out so we can point fingers!
_____ have guilt! Maybe different forms, different amounts...but same guilt before God!*

The point is _____ to _____ ...

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God works with us...ramps up the pressure...keeps showing us more of the misery toward which we are going...keeps disciplining us to get us to turn from wickedness & its resulting death to the righteousness & life of Christ!

Which of these is The Spirit convicting me about?

Will I let His kindness lead me to repent of this/these?

Will I confess this/these to Him & accept His help starting now?

Key: righteousness, by faith; wrath, anti-faith; suppress; general; futile, foolish/darkened; degrading; depraved; less; conduct; character; promoters, inventing; relationships; keep doing; approve of others; we also; not, judge others; respond to God's kindness by repentance