



# The Book of Romans

Tuesday Bible Study at St. John Lutheran Church

January 6: Dishonorable Passions:  
Romans 1:26-32

What are the seven deadly sins?

## Romans 1:26-28

For what reason did God give them up to their passions?

How is God giving people over to their sins a form of judgment?

**Psalm 81:11-12** But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me. So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels.

What specific sins are condemned here? (we won't be graphic with our answers)

“Paul explicitly mentions homosexuality because it stood out as particularly shocking for the Jewish people. It is completely clear that Paul also means that homosexuality is against God's will. It is a sign that something is irregular in the nature man...and derived from the innate ruin in our nature.” – Bo Giertz

**Leviticus 18:22** You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination.

How do we know that the prohibition for homosexuality is not just an Old Testament reality?

**1 Corinthians 6:9-10** Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

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What is the due penalty that Paul prescribes? (we won't be graphic with our answers)

**Matthew 7:1-2** Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you.

Is Paul being judgmental?

**1 Corinthians 6:18-20** Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

How is sexual sin a refusal to acknowledge God?

**James 4:17** So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

### **Romans 1:29-31**

What forms of unrighteousness capture your attention?

What does it mean to be boastful?

What does Paul mean by strife?

How is foolishness a sin?

Is a lack of faith in Jesus Christ a sin?

**Hebrews 3:12** Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God.

### **Romans 1:32**

What does Paul suggest that we can't not know? What two ways can we violate God's righteous decrees?

**Psalms 50:18** If you see a thief, you are pleased with him, and you keep company with adulterers.