**Does God Ever “Give up” On Anyone**

**During this Dispensation of the Grace of God?**

**‘Prefacial’ Comments** or you could probably just call this the **Introduction:**

I do believe that most of us (web-family) just ‘wag’ our heads in dismay, frustration, amazement, etc. as well as even bewilderment at the way every aspect of daily life is looking these days.

And yet, I also hear from folks through emails and general ‘small town’ observations, at how so many folks ‘out there’ don’t think things are really ‘all that bad.’ They just figure I am a very negative person; you know, one of those hard-to-please, critical, judgmental, Amishy no fun types who is called a genderist, a deplorable, a racist, on over-moralled zealot, an old-fashioned religious white-privileged fanatic and bigot full of hate, etc.

Well, I will honestly tell people, *“I have a hard time finding any ‘good’ in this world anymore.”*

Maybe it is because I am of the ‘aging’ generation so I have seen the changes in the last 67 years of life in America, as any ‘aging’ person has said over the generations. That infamous ‘generation gap’ is about as obvious as my nose on my face – and I tell ya, THAT is as obvious as obvious can get!

When I was younger, as many of you, way back before serious technology came onto the scene (when computers were cartoons in the back of my Foghorn Leghorn comics – and that little skinny kid on the beach was getting sand kicked into his face with a guy holding an Earth globe on his shoulders behind the skinny kid on the beach), I started to noticed a little snowball that had been rolling down the hill even before I was born, and that it was starting to grow bigger. And over those next years of selfishness, teen-age pride and collegiate higher education nonsense, I have come to see that snowball has now grown gargantuan in size.

You and I have correctly concluded, despite all the good words and fair speeches from the pastors in America, that snowball cannot be stopped; it cannot be slowed or even be delayed as it approaches it’s original global controlling goal. In fact, even though may of us have tried, we learned that it cannot be ‘corrected’ nor can it even be redirected! And now, if we try to tell anyone about that snowball, they just not only laugh, they throw hate, dismay, criticism at us and reject us better than we reject them!

We are now noticing that because the snowball has absolutely no melting process in this ‘cold world’ going on, it is picking up everything and everyone in its path as it rolls down the hill, continuing to pick up speed faster than ever before! The ‘roar of the roll’ is deafening but people just seem to be blind and deaf to it all.

In fact, I see folks that instead of trying to get out of the way, they are blindly running towards it, jumping onto the top of it and/or rolling themselves underneath, screaming with their own gleeful sounds of flesh-filled fun and earthly media pushed pleasures all the while smiling with an obvious narcistic show of self-designed and self-defined shallow and temporary happiness during their time of ‘life is but a vapour’ fleeting moment.

*(Many of us have now come to see just how fast our ‘vapor’ came and has gone, eh!)*

Sadly, I have also noticed that even for those who think they might think they know better, they try their best to stay somewhat far away from it, the suction that is created as it whooshes by still manages to suck them into the worldly “*Snowball Express to Hell.*’

I will say, however, that I do believe there are a few people who have made the choice to jump ‘onto’ the snowball… but are people who really cannot melt into the snowball itself so they won’t be able to ride it all the way to its eternal destination, probably much to their dismay and possibly even surprise.

But for now, those who try to hang on that snowball by the hair on their chinny chin chin, are continuing to create awful messes in their own lives – shipwrecks, as the apostle Paul calls them. Hopefully, maybe they will eventually realize they must not only ‘go back to the Bible,’ but that they will go back to the KJB AND to Paul Only for the riches of understanding and the goodness of God that only Paul teaches! They need to find the ‘risen Saviour’ instead of the Jewish Messiah’s teachings, otherwise their return to the ‘bible’ will do nothing for them!

* Evil is being called good more and more – and more and more folks are actually going along with the lack of morality. Amazing, isn’t it!
* Music has become constant everywhere with LOUD totally flesh-pleasing pounding bass and demandingly-devilsh chant – not only in the world around us, but in the small-town streets, the local church, people’s homes and more than ever before, it continues to constantly bombard the minds of kids everywhere.
	+ Harmony, if any is noticeable, in music creates tension but has little to no resolution which only feeds the neuroticism that is rampant everywhere.
	+ Melody, if not already dead for most ears, is dying; in the meanwhile, steering people towards a new age spirituality designed by the devil himself – complete with Beethoven and water falls – or Mozart on a beach in Wakicoo-coo playing with beads, smoking grass and sniffing coffee beans while stuffing down a pig, swaying their hips and singing Tiny Bubbles with Don Ho!
* Education has no moral compass let alone any ‘morally designed basic knowledge - based curriculums.’ Schools have all become social institutions brainwashing the kids into being the next Anti-American ungodly leaders with their humanistic ‘no-God’, and in some cases, ‘anti-God’ designed materials taught by modern millennial snowflakey college graduates who promote anti-Bible and anti-American views – or become coaches who cruelly & without let-up promote the physical INSTEAD of the mental and heart issues of life.
* Government is not only corrupted openly in the media, the war that now exists is a war within our own borders being fought within and by our own government against the people. Our government is no longer for the people, by the people, it is against the people!
* The media and entertainment world continues to corrupt good manners – in mass numbers today… and folks just to have it so! The rating system (for what it’s worth) might as well just be all R rated.
* Young people have less than zero respect for along with little desire to help care for the older generation. (or do I just notice it more now that I am one of the older ones…).
* Even older people have changed: they not only have their rock music, etc. the men have their long pony-tailed hair (if they have any hair, that is) and tattoos well beyond their military days. The ladies are louder than ever – and demanding – and ungodly with their language and philosophies and their grandparenting is as awful as the parents of their grandkids. Ya know, when one is young, too much skin is a no-no… but when one is old, too much skin can be gross… Wrinkles can be expected but we don’t need to see the wrinkles ‘there’!
* The kids and young parents have no clue (and I mean, absolutely NO clue) as to what America’s history contains – so they are for sure bound to repeat it all over again! In fact, most Americans seem to believe it is America’s fault for any of the wars in our past.
* European culture has not only been destroyed by the African culture in how we talk, what we wear (or don’t wear), how we do music, how we walk, etc., exactly as President Lincoln had warned would happen, but now Europe as we once knew it has been destroyed.
* Ishmael continues to hate Isaac and for some reason, America thinks we can fix it! If only Abram had not listened to his wife, we wouldn’t be in this mess! Come to think of it, if Adam hadn’t listened to his wife, we really wouldn’t be in this even bigger mess. “*Way to go, guys! Thanks a lot! You and I need to talk…”*

I could go on and on… but let’s not – that was enough for me!

**The Real Introduction**

The insanity in the world ‘news’ simply brings me to **Romans chapter one**. As I stroll across the streets of any small prairie town in the Dakotas, I am constantly reminded that **Romans 1:18-32** is blatantly everywhere in the daily scene today – and is growing by the minute.

Which ‘finally’ brings me to my simple point I want to ‘talk’ about for a few minutes:

(that was a long introduction, wasn’t it!)

**The Word “Reprobate”**

**Body**

Now would be a good time for you to pause, and read **Romans 1:18-32.** (in a King James Bible, wouldn’tcha know!)

Pause…

Welcome back… You did read it, right?

You didn’t? You say you have read it before? Well, read it again – it won’t hurt. Myself, I have to read things many times – and sometimes it is that ‘next’ time that something ‘clicks’ that didn’t ‘click’ before!

Ok – anyway, welcome back – have we not read that description for many years, but have you ever seen the ‘description of life’ within those verses existing ‘everywhere’ and so ‘accurate’ as we see in everyday life today?

Well, maybe it was only me, but when this ‘type’ of conversation about ‘the ugliness of the world’ and life in general would appear, I would give my standard ‘observational comment,’ *“As people reject God, He just puts their ‘normal’ mind into a reprobate mind* and then gives up on them” etc. or something along that line, anyway.

But as I hear more and more of us making comments about just how ‘rotten’ and ‘irritating’ things are ‘out there’ – or even near our own home and windows, etc., I have been thinking lately and then with my reading of those verses slower and slower… *(which I ALWAYS recommend to people – “Slow down when you read!”)* …that there is something about the word ‘***reprobate’*** that I have been missing.

Well, I am no longer missing it! I simple must remind myself to bring out the ‘*forbearance, the longsuffering and the goodness of God’* – even when dealing with the word ‘***reprobate***!’

In those verses, we actually can see the ‘cause and effect’ in those verses – and then only do we see God’s response. I mistakenly put the action onto God for him to ‘make’ these people ‘reprobate’ with their rotten lifestyles… but instead, it is the people that create their own reprobate mind by their own beliefs and then actions – and more specifically, it is the people such as parents / educators, etc. that create the reprobates… and God basically ‘gives them up to it all’! He doesn’t punish them for their behavior… yet!

Looking at it that way now, it all makes sense. The schools and parents as well as churches, pastors, etc. have been creating reprobated minds in children for years, who grew up and will grow up to be teens, who grew up and grow up to be college students / workers, etc. who have grown up and are moving out and have become and are becoming the new adults.

We then remind ourselves that in **Romans 11:22,** it will be the conclusion – the end - of the dispensation of the grace of God when the Gentile nation eventually and completely rejects the goodness of God.

I have to tell ya – knowing that Paul, in a KJB, is the only way to hear about the goodness of God – it appears to me that there will NOT be millions that disappear at the ‘rapture’. Apparently, there will only be a few left who will leave when the Gentile nation is ‘cut off’ thus beginning the tribulation and a new doctrine for salvation, etc.

So, now, I see that it isn’t God making people reprobate today; it isn’t God making the Gentiles reject His goodness based on their lifestyles, etc. ‘Reprobateness’ is based on the Gentile’s own free will to make those godless decisions; to make those ‘causes’; to create a life without God; to do all those things resulting from their initial rejection of God as detailed in **Romans 1**.

In the same manner of thinking, it is exactly like it not being ‘*God bringing bad things into our life based on our walk’* as so many Great Commission preachers preach; it is simply a result of our own decisions, etc.

So then, it also makes sense that those people that reject the living God, etc. and who ‘appear’ to be prospering these days and say they don’t see God blessing them for doing good, and they don’t see God stopping them when they do ‘wrong,’ so they simply come to their own falsely drawn conclusion that there is no God and then happily move on into the life as described in **Romans 1** – and ***have pleasure in them that do them***.

Today, we are living in the dispensation of the grace of God – the greatest time ever or will be again – ever!! According to **Romans 2**, God’s grace is even extended to the lost – those that reject God, etc. – well, for now, that is! Their bad works, as described in **Romans 1**, are being kept in ‘storage’ (**Romans 2**) and will be brought out at their judgment. Now that is a ‘hard drive’ of stored data I wouldn’t want to have anything to do with – now THAT is the real ‘cloud’!

Sadly, and terrifyingly, they will eventually find out that God’s grace will not carry them into eternity with Him! They only find themselves as privates in the army of the devil himself – fighting against the very God and Saviour they didn’t believe in – or on – or about, etc.

***Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.*** **II Corinthians 5:11**

**Part II**

So, let’s turn this into a more detailed bible study instead of my comments and teaching.

In Summariacal form (don’t ya just love my own designed word ‘adjustments’):

**Causes:**

1. glorified him not as God
2. neither were thankful

**Results:**

1. became vain in their imaginations
2. their foolish heart was darkened.
3. professed themselves to be wise, they became fools
4. changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things.

**THEN** God steps in and…gives them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts… in other words, He lets them do what they want and lets them have what they want! Boy, doesn’t that sound like a lot of parents today – no wonder their kids are so rotten to the core!

**More Results**

1. dishonor their own bodies between themselves
2. change the truth of God into a lie
3. worship and serve the creature more than the Creator

**THEN** God steps in again: gives them up unto vile affections:

**Even More Results**:

1. women change their natural use into that which is against nature!
2. men leave the natural use of the woman and burn in their lust one toward another, men with men working that which is unseemly and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet!
3. did not retain God in their knowledge…

**THEN** God steps in again… this time He gives them over to a reprobate mind. See there – giving them over to a reprobate mind means they already have that reprobate mind… it is a mind created by those original causes – by parents, teachers, leaders, professors, etc.

**Results:**

1. They do those things that are not convenient
	1. Being filled with…
		1. all unrighteousness
		2. fornication
		3. wickedness
		4. covetousness
		5. maliciousness
	2. full of…
		1. envy
		2. murder
		3. debate
		4. deceit
		5. malignity
	3. whisperers
	4. backbiters
	5. haters of God
	6. despiteful
	7. proud
	8. boasters
	9. inventors of evil things
	10. disobedient to parents
	11. without understanding
	12. covenant-breakers
	13. without natural affection
	14. implacable
	15. unmerciful

And take note: These people still do know the judgment of God (see **verse 19**) and so ‘deep down’ are knowing that they are ***worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.*** In other words, ‘like minds hang around like minds’ – ‘water seeks it’s own level’ – ‘dirt always smells like dirt’ – ‘birds of a feather flock together’ - or something like that, anyway.

**Conclusion:**

Continuing on to **Romans 2**, we see that ***the judgment of God is according to the truth against them which commit such things.***

**Their thoughts are simple:**

1. they think they ***shalt escape the judgment of God***.
2. they despise the ***riches of God’s goodness and forbearance and longsuffing***. They have no clue that it is actually the GOODNESS of God that would help them and would lead them to repentance; a repentance that they would actually welcome and desire.

But instead, their ***hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto ‘thyself’ wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God…***

Bottom line: their ‘reprobate lifestyle’ actually keeps them from seeing the truth once God gives them over to ‘themselves’!

These folks need to hear and learn about the goodness of God – not the severity, etc. But we also can see why they won’t hear it – why they won’t listen to us – and why they get so angry, etc.

Makes sense, eh!