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Don't Trifle with the Word of God Romans 3:1-8

I. The Question of Ethnical Advantage (vv. 1-2)

A. Is there any _____ to being a Jew? (v. 1a)
[Deut. 14:2]

B. Is there any _____ in circumcision? (v. 1b)
[Rom. 2:17-29]

C. Answer: Yes! The Jews were given the _____ of God (v. 2)
[Rom. 9:3-5; Acts 7:38; Deut. 4:1-2]

II. The Question of Covenant Faithfulness (vv. 3-4)

A. What if only _____ of the Jewish nation were unfaithful? (v. 3a)
[Rom. 10:16; Heb. 4:2]

B. Does some unfaithfulness _____ God's faithfulness? (v. 3b)
[Isa. 55:6-7; Get. 12:2-3; 15:7-21]

C. Answer: No! God is still _____ to His promises (v. 4)
[Zech. 12:10; Rom. 11:1-5, 25-28; Psa. 51:4]

III. The Question of Confused Righteousness (vv. 5-6)

A. Does man's unrighteousness _____ God's righteousness? (v. 5a)
[Rom. 5:8; 2 Cor. 6:4; 7:11]

B. Is God unrighteous to inflict His _____ on the unbelieving Jew? (v. 5b) [Rom. 6:19; 1 Cor. 9:8; 15:32; Gal. 3:15]

C. Answer: No! If God was unrighteous _____ could He judge the world? (v. 6) [Gen. 18:25; Psa. 50:6]

IV. The Question of Twisted Logic (vv. 7-8)

A. If my falsehood _____ God, then why am I still being condemned? (v.7) [Rom. 9:19]

B. Why not do evil, so that _____ will come from it? (v. 8a)
[Rom. 6:1-5]

C. Answer: All _____ of falsehood and evil is just (v. 8b-c)
[John 14:15; Acts 10:42; Eccl. 3:17; Isa. 2:11-12]

TAKE HOME

- What _____ have you had in your life? Have those advantages led you to God or led you into a prideful mindset?
- Have you experienced the _____ of God in the midst of your unfaithfulness? How did that make you feel?
- What _____ logic have you used in your own life to justify your sin? How is that working out for you?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at placiritachurch.com.

1. Read Romans 3:1. Why were the Jews asking these two specific questions? What are they driving at? (Deut. 14:2; Rom. 2:17-29)

2. Read Romans 3:2. What was Paul’s answer? In what way or ways did the Jews still hold to an advantage? Where does Paul list more advantages? (Rom. 9:3-5; Acts 7:38; Deut. 4:1-2) What advantages have you had in your life?

3. Read Romans 3:3. What is the thought behind this question? Is this an understandable question? Have you ever felt like this? (Rom. 10:16; Heb. 4:2; Isa. 55:6-7; Get. 12:2-3; 15:7-21)

4. Read Romans 3:4. What was Paul’s answer? Why does he word it like he does? Does God keep His promises? What does this mean for Israel? What passage does Paul quote? Why? (Zech. 12:10; Rom. 11:1-5, 25-28; Psa. 51:4)

5. Read Romans 3:5. What in the world do these two questions mean? What are they asking or even insinuating? (Rom. 5:8; 2 Cor. 6:4; 7:11; Rom. 6:19; 1 Cor. 9:8; 15:32; Gal. 3:15)

6. Read Romans 3:6. What was Paul’s answer? (Gen. 18:25; Psa. 50:6) How does this show that the Jews, in a sense, really did already know the answer?

7. Read Romans 3:7-8. What is the point of the question in verse 7? How is this answered once and for all in verse 8? Why are the the Jews being condemned? Why is God just in condemning them? (Rom. 9:19; Rom. 6:1-5; Jn. 14:15; Acts 10:42; Eccl. 3:17; Isa. 2:11-12)

8. Read the take home questions. Which one challenged you or encouraged you the most? Why? How will you live your life differently this week based on what you learned from this passage?

“Paul would say the end does not justify the means. Getting to the right place (God’s glory) the wrong way (by man’s sin) can never be justified. As to those who suggest such a thing, Paul says, their condemnation is deserved.”

- Kenneth Boa and William Kruidenier, *Holman New Testament Commentary on Romans*