

Calvary Church: Coordinated Curriculum 2007-2008

Romans: The Transforming Power of the Righteousness of God

Mark Observations

Record Observations & Questions

Romans 3:1-8

- 1 Then what advantage has the Jew?
Or what is the value of circumcision?
- 2 Much in every way.
To begin with,
the Jews were entrusted with the oracles of God.
- 3 What if some were unfaithful?
Does their faithlessness nullify the faithfulness of God?
- 4 By no means!
Let God be true though every one were a liar,
as it is written,
“That you may be justified in your words,
and prevail when you are judged.”
- 5 But if our unrighteousness serves to show the righteousness of God,
what shall we say?
That God is unrighteous to inflict wrath on us?
(I speak in a human way.)
- 6 By no means!
For then how could God judge the world?
- 7 But if through my lie God’s truth abounds to his glory,
why am I still being condemned as a sinner?
- 8 And why not do evil that good may come?
—as some people slanderously charge us with saying.
Their condemnation is just. (ESV)

Basic Outline

- Doctrine: Justification—The Righteousness of God Revealed 1:18–11:36
- Condemnation of Pagan (Unrighteous): The Panorama of Sin Described 1:18-32
- Condemnation of the Self-Righteous Moralists: God’s standard not theirs 2:1-16
- Condemnation against unfaithful Jew: Privileged 2:17–3:8**
 - Condemnation because of . . .*
 - Hypocrisy: A focus on externals 2:17-24
 - The Jews possession of the law is not sufficient
 - External possession of religious rights*
 - Trust in Ritual 2:25-29
 - The Jews possession of circumcision not sufficient
 - External practice of religious rites*
 - Unbelief: The Jews problem exposed 3:1-8
 - First Objection 3:1-2
 - Question: Do Jews have any (salvific) advantage? 3:1
 - Second Objection 3:3-4
 - Question: Does Jewish unbelief nullify God’s faithfulness? 3:3
 - Third Objection 3:5-6
 - Question: If the sin of Jews shows God’s righteousness, wouldn’t His judgment/wrath be unrighteous? 3:5
 - Fourth Question 3:7-8
 - Question: If the sin of Jews enhances God’s glory, why should God condemn them? And why not do more evil? 3:7-8a

Introduction



Talk about it

What would you like immunity from?

Is the Christian life inherently a life lived with immunity?

Overview

The Jew Condemned			
Section	2:17	2:25	3:1
Condemnation For	Hypocrisy	Ritualism	
Jewish Distinctives	Law	Circumcision	
Response	Disobedience	External not Internal	
Result	Dishonor God	God regards uncircumcised law keeper higher than circumcised lawbreaker—and praises them	
The Condemnation is Absolute			



Think about it

First Objection 3:1-2

Question: Do Jews have any (salvific) advantage? 3:1

Answer: Jews have _____ 3:2

Second Objection 3:3-4

Question: Does Jewish unbelief nullify God's faithfulness? 3:3

Answer: God is _____ 3:4

Third Objection 3:5-6

Question: If the sin of Jews shows God's righteousness, wouldn't His judgment/wrath be unrighteous? 3:5

Answer: That would prevent God from _____ 3:6

Fourth Question 3:7-8

Question: If the sin of Jews enhances God's glory, why should God condemn them? And why not do more evil? 3:7-8a

Answer: Too absurd to answer 3:8b



Think about it



Talk about it

Are there areas in which we could be accused of doing something similar—of only taking partial truth?

What about eternal security/assurance and obedience?

How is it, that eternal security can be a promise and obedience a requirement?

Is grace dangerous?



What do we learn
About God



Act on it