



FOR I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL, FOR IT IS THE POWER OF GOD FOR SALVATION TO EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES (ROMANS 1:16)

Text: Romans 3:1-9

Paul deals with the arguments of the Jews

- 1) After Paul's comments in Chapter 2 that there is no difference when it comes to God's judgment towards either the Jew or Gentile, they ask Paul what then is special in being Jewish.

Q- *"Then what advantage has the Jew Or what is the value of circumcision?"*

A- Paul corrects their wrong thinking by saying that they *"were entrusted with the oracles of God."* What does this mean?

- 2) Paul then does as he often does by asking a hypothetical question and gives an answer that shows how impossible the question is really is.
"What if some were unfaithful? Does their faithlessness nullify the faithfulness of God?"
- 3) Paul asks another set of hypothetical questions in vs 5-8 *"if our unrighteousness serves to show the righteousness of God, what shall we say? That God is unrighteous to inflict wrath on us?"*

Q - What is he saying?

- 4) Paul's conclusion is that God's grace is never received through sinning and that twisting the grace of God into a license to sin is perhaps the peak of man's depravity. And the conclusion of all these passages is that all mankind by nature fall short of obtaining God's righteousness through themselves.
- 5) Quoting from Psalm 14:1-3, Paul points to the universal inability of man to do anything in his nature to honour or please God, not to mention atone for his own sin.

Read these verses and explain how they affect our view of Salvation

1 Corinthians 2:14 *"The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned."*

Psalm 51:5 *"Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me."*

Genesis 6:5 *"The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. "*

Romans 8:7 *"For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot."*

Ephesians 2:1-3 *"And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind."*