

## The Gospel in Romans- Part 5

### Rom. 3:1-20

Doubting the \_\_\_\_\_ of God

- In chapter 2, Paul isn't just thinking about the Law being salvation \_\_\_\_\_ the Jews, but salvation \_\_\_\_\_ the Jews.
- God promised that through Abraham's faithful family, the whole world would be \_\_\_\_\_. (Gen. 12).
- This meant that Abraham's family would \_\_\_\_\_ the world (Rom. 4:13) and that through Abraham, the sin of Adam would be reversed and creation would be \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 15:8-12).
- That's what the \_\_\_\_\_ was for, from Exodus 19 through Deuteronomy 30. Especially Dt. 4:5-8 and Dt. 27-30.
- Israel was \_\_\_\_\_ with the oracles of God.
- But if the Jews were \_\_\_\_\_ to God's calling and commission, does that mean that God is not \_\_\_\_\_ to His promise to Abraham and through Israel? Paul: Certainly not!
- Imaginary Israelite: If my unfaithfulness highlights God's faithfulness, then God is wrong to \_\_\_\_\_ me. Being a Jew, then, is a get-out-of-jail-free card.
- This is \_\_\_\_\_ faith.
- God is only unfaithful if He doesn't judge His unfaithful \_\_\_\_\_ (Dt. 27-28).

Declaring the \_\_\_\_\_ of Man

- In light of all that's been said, is the Jew any better off than the \_\_\_\_\_? (3:9)
- Paul now invokes \_\_\_\_\_ language to indict Israel for her many sins.
- Verses 10-18 are a \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel's \_\_\_\_\_ and sin.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ is in. It is time to announce the verdict.
- By the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Law, no flesh will be justified in God's sight.
- \_\_\_\_\_ are under sin.
- This central truth is both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- We must stop trying to \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves, \_\_\_\_\_ of our sins, \_\_\_\_\_ in God's faithful Son, be \_\_\_\_\_ with His Spirit, and be \_\_\_\_\_ from the darkness that lives in each one of us.

### Doubting the **Faithfulness** of God

- In chapter 2, Paul isn't just thinking about the Law being salvation **for** the Jews, but salvation **through** the Jews.
- God promised that through Abraham's faithful family, the whole world would be **blessed**. (Gen. 12).
- This meant that Abraham's family would **inherit** the world (Rom. 4:13) and that through Abraham, the sin of Adam would be reversed and creation would be **rescued** (Rom. 15:8-12).
- That's what the **Law** was for, from Exodus 19 through Deuteronomy 30. Especially Dt. 4:5-8 and Dt. 27-30.
- Israel was **entrusted** with the oracles of God.
- But if the Jews were **unfaithful** to God's calling and commission, does that mean that God is not **faithful** to His promise to Abraham and through Israel? Paul: Certainly not!
- Imaginary Israelite: If my unfaithfulness highlights God's faithfulness, then God is wrong to **judge** me. Being a Jew, then, is a get-out-of-jail-free card.
- This is **cheap** faith.
- God is only unfaithful if He doesn't judge His unfaithful **people** (Dt. 27-28).

### Declaring the **Defenselessness** of Man

- In light of all that's been said, is the Jew any better off than the **Gentile**? (3:9)
- Paul now invokes **law-court** language to indict Israel for her many sins.
- Verses 10-18 are a **catalogue** of Israel's **carnality** and sin.
- The **evidence** is in. It is time to announce the verdict.
- By the **works** of the Law, no flesh will be justified in God's sight.
- **All** are under sin.
- This central truth is both **unpopular** and **undeniable**.
- We must stop trying to **defend** ourselves, **repent** of our sins, **trust** in God's faithful Son, be **filled** with His Spirit, and be **rescued** from the darkness that lives in each one of us.