

Doctrinal Foundations: Romans → Romans 3:1-9

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¹ What advantage then has the Jew, or what *is* the profit of circumcision? ² Much in every way! **Chiefly** because to them were committed **the oracles of God**.

³ For what if some did not believe? Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect? ⁴ Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar. As it is written:

“That You may be justified in Your words,
And may overcome when You are judged.”

⁵ But if our unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God, what shall we say? *Is* God unjust who inflicts wrath? (I speak as a man.) ⁶ Certainly not! For then how will God judge the world?

⁷ For if the truth of God has increased through my lie to His glory, why am I also still judged as a sinner? ⁸ And *why* not say, “Let us do evil that good may come”—as we are slanderously reported and as some affirm that we say. Their condemnation is just.

⁹ What then? Are we better *than they*? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks (i.e. “Gentiles”) that they **are all under sin**.

Note: Romans 3 is a continuation of the thoughts of Paul from Romans 1:16-32 and all of chapter 2. Also, the original letter was written WITHOUT Chapters and Verses.

1. Why does Paul focus on the Jews (i.e.: Israel) in the first 2 verses?
Why does Paul ask “what advantages has the Jew...”?
(this, also, helps to answer the question “Why did God choose Israel?”)
Read Deut. 18:15-22 (compare with Ex. 20:18-21; Deut. 5:23-28; Heb. 12:18-22; John 4:22)

2. In Romans 3:3-8, What is being called into Question by fallen sinful man against God?
What are fallen sinful humans accusing God of in those verses (and why)?

Notice verse 4 – “who is on Trial”? Who is “justified in Your words”... ?
(see Isaiah 1:18 & Malachi 3:8 (Old Testament Mosaic Law) ... what about Jesus?)
[why do people do this when we present the Gospel?]

3. “... then how will God judge the world?” ... What is Paul saying here (Rom 3:5-6)
4. When Paul says “For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks (Gentiles) that they are all under sin” ... when did Paul say that before this verse?