

ROMANS: PART 9
EXPLANATION OF THE GOSPEL

God's Righteous Condemnation of the Religious Person (Msg. 2)
"Questions From A Church-goer"
Romans 3:1-8

Context: Rom 2:17-29

1. The possession of God's law & revelation is valueless to save -- since you break that law. Vs 17-24.
2. The possession of circumcision (baptism, Lord's supper, membership) is valueless to save when you do not possess the spiritual reality! Vs 25-29.
3. The Apostle has eliminated every avenue of human endeavor by which a person could make himself right with God.

Questions From The Religious Person. Rom 3:1-8.

1. *What is the advantage and benefit of being **God's People** and having these symbols?* Vs 1-2.
 - This question concerns God's purposes.
 - Answer: These things are important -- You have the revelation of God!
 - We must place a high premium on God's Word & the Sacraments.
2. *If some don't believe this revelation, will God break His promise to save them?* Vs 3-4.
 - This question concerns God's faithfulness.
 - Answer: *His* faithfulness is not the problem (He is True) -- *We* are the problem (we are liars!)
 - Proof (Psm 51): God will be shown to be just & right in His judgment of our sin.
 - We must recognize *our* problem. A holy just God *will* condemn every Church-going-baptized-religious-moral person who does not trust in Christ alone!
3. *If God is glorified through judging us as sinners -- isn't that somehow wrong? Unjust?* Vs 5-6.
 - This question concerns God's goodness & justice.
 - Answer: If He is unjust -- He could not even judge at all. Since His judgment is "a given," He is just, powerful, authoritative, and righteous. Cf. Gen 18:25.
4. *Why does God use my sin against me?* Vs 7.
5. *Doesn't this just give us an excuse to sin? (We will glorify God by really giving Him something to judge!)* Vs 8.
 - These questions concern God's holiness.
 - Answer: Questions such as these just prove how wicked we really are -- we *twist* God's truth so that we may justify our sin & rebellion against Him! Our condemnation is just.
 - We must submit to God as wise, faithful, good, just & holy. This begins with the Gospel.