

Romans 3:4

God Be True

1. 3:4 - Let God Be True

- a. This is ridiculed, mocked, scorned as ignorant, unsophisticated, antiquated.
 - i. It should be the most respected, honorable, ever needed wisdom.
 - ii. Wesley's notes on Rom 3:4 contain simply 'Psalm 2:4'
- b. True ~def. Agreement with the facts or reality. Right. Just. Honest. Faithful.
 - i. Trust ~def. To be confident or rely upon something or someone being true.
 - ii. Trusting God is the only way to know the truth (e.g. fear of the Lord Ps 19:7-9)
 - iii. Let God be true (trust God) even when you don't yet understand all - Col 2:3
- c. Doubt ~def. Uncertainty regarding what is true. *When in doubt, who to believe?*
 - i. Scientists, scholars, celebrities, experienced get quick credibility, why not God?
 - ii. Is God not more credible than men? Deu 32:4, Ps 119:100, 138:2, 147:4-5
 - iii. Give God the benefit - Decide God is true to his word, and his words will be true.

2. 3:4 - Every Man a Liar

- a. If not every man, then ... truth is determined by men. (nope)
 - i. Can you be wrong? (A necessary first step) Can your friends be wrong?
 - ii. Can what is popular? Experts, paradigms, denominations, generations, world?
 - iii. God doesn't need reproof, correction, instruction in righteousness; men do.
 - iv. Cursed is the man that trusts in man - Jer 17:5-7, Ps 34:8, 40:4, 118:8
- b. If not every man, then ... you have competing authorities. (God v. man)
 - i. Who is the final authority? i.e. who can never be false, last word (infallible)
 - ii. Your Saviour v. wise of the world. Someone is put to shame. 1 Cor 1:19-20, 3:19
 - iii. Who knows all truth will be your Saviour - Pro 21:2, Co 2:3,8, Ti 1:3-4, 2:10, 3:4-6

3. 3:4 - As It Is Written

- a. *"God be true"* men accept this in the abstract, but not in the specifics of scripture.
- b. The truth of God won't change you until you let God be true: you need changed.
- c. God is true! (Except about inspiration, preservation, tragedy, sin, hell)
- d. Jesus is the truth! (Except what he said of creation, marriage, law, Paul, hell)
- e. Hard sayings in the Bible - what needs changed? The Bible (God) or you.
- f. Bible believers submit to God's words. Bible correctors submit God to theirs.
- g. Every word is pure and necessary for life, faith, knowing God - Pro 22:17, 30:5, Luke 4:4

4. 3:4 - God Justified

- a. *"thou mightiest be justified"* - God declared right/true, as in Luke 7:29, 1Ti 3:16
 - i. Elihu ascribes righteousness to God - Job 32:2-3, 36:3, 23
- b. *"in thy sayings"* - His oracles, his words - Ps 119:160, 138:2, Ps 95:6-8
- c. *"when thou judgest"* - A repentant mind subject to God - Psalm 51:4
- d. *"when thou art judged"* - A rebellious mind that objects - Isa 45:9, Rom 3:1, 3, 5, 9
- e. You can't justify yourself before your Maker. Let God be true, and every man a liar.