Paul’s Letter to the Romans: Pursuing Righteousness from God

“Questions and Answers”

David Owens

Romans 3:1-4

A. I titled today’s sermon the way I did because what Paul was doing in this section of Romans was _________ and _________ questions.

B. In today’s passage there are ____ questions raised and ____ answers given.

C. In the first question, the Jews were essentially objecting to Paul’s teaching about universal _________ because in their minds it destroyed their special standing.

1. After following Paul’s argument in chapter 2, we might have expected Paul to say there is _____ advantage to being a Jew.
2. Paul surprised them and us with the answer: “_________ in _______ way.”
3. The Jews were the one people on the earth to whom God had revealed _______ and His _______.

D. The second question being raised is: if we Jews have been unfaithful to God, will God be _________ to us?

1. The good news is that God does not _______ in _______.
2. Part of God’s faithfulness is His promise to _______ disobedience.
3. Part of God’s faithfulness is His promise to _______.
4. The verse that Paul quotes is one where David is proclaiming that what happened to him demonstrated God’s justice, but after God _______ him, He _________ him.

E. In the last question, the Jewish objectors argue that it is unfair for God to condemn the Jews for acts that enhance God’s _______.

1. We must keep in mind that sin is always _______.
2. Even if God can bring _____ out of someone’s sin, doesn’t make sin good.
3. If sin is justified as long as it results in good, then God would not be able to _______ anyone.

F. Lesson 1: We learn about God’s ____________.

1. We can depend on God to carry out every _________.
2. In an uncertain world, we have a certain _____ and His promises.

G. Lesson 2: We learn about false ____________.

1. A genuine and faithful Christian can have _________ in Christ.
2. Holding equally to God’s promise to keep us secure with the need for us to be _________ in order to enjoy God’s promise is not easy to do.
3. Contemporary theologians and preachers now prefer the phrase “_________ of the saints” over the phrase “eternal _________.”
4. “Always do your _______ and then _______.” Orville Merillat.