

*Paul's Letter to the Romans: Pursuing Righteousness from God*

**“Questions and Answers”**

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Romans 3:1-4

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- 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 \_\_\_\_\_.
  4. The flipside of that advantage is that more is then \_\_\_\_\_.
- 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.

Answer Key: A. asking, answering. B. 3, 3. C. judgment. C.1. no. C.2. much, every. C.3. Himself, Will. C.4. Expected. D. unfaithful. D.1. repay, kind. D.2.. punish. D.3. forgive. D.4. judged, forgave. E. glory. E.1. sinful. E.2. good. E.3. judge. F. faithfulness. F.1. promise. F.2. God. G. security. G.1. security. G.2. obedient. G.3. perseverance, security. G.4. best, some.