

*Paul's Letter to the*

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# 3 ACCUSATION AGAINST PAUL

ROMANS 3:1-8



The three accusations against Paul were actually against Paul's God.

1. The God of the Gospel is Unfaithful (v. 3) (NO!)
2. The God of the Gospel is Unrighteous (v. 5) (NO!)
3. The God of the Gospel is Unjust (v. 7) (NO!)

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3 What then? If some did not believe, their unbelief will not nullify the faithfulness of God, will it?

4 May it never be! Rather, let God be found true, though every man be found a liar, as it is written, "THAT YOU MAY BE JUSTIFIED IN YOUR WORDS, AND PREVAIL WHEN YOU ARE JUDGED."

5 But if our unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God, what shall we say? The God who inflicts wrath is not unrighteous, is He? (I am speaking in human terms.)

6 May it never be! For otherwise, how will God judge the world?

7 But if through my lie the truth of God abounded to His glory, why am I also still being judged as a sinner?

8 And why not say (as we are slanderously reported and as some claim that we say), "Let us do evil that good may come"? Their condemnation is just.



# WHAT THE JEWS ARE MISSING

(and Paul will go on to explain in the next several chapters)



- ✓ There is a difference between the Nation of Israel and the individual Jewish person.
- ✓ Spiritual salvation (eternal life) is NOT National → it's Individual
- ✓ Spiritual salvation (eternal life) is NOT Collective → it's Personal
- ✓ Spiritual salvation is NOT physical (something you do) it's relational—**By grace through faith.**
- ❖ Don't confuse the unilateral, unconditional promises of God to Israel with the spiritual salvation of the Jewish individual—they are two different things.

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## DEUTERONOMY 10:14-16



“Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the highest heavens, the earth and all that is in it.

“Yet on your fathers did the LORD set His affection to love them, and He chose their descendants after them, even you above all peoples, as it is this day.

“So circumcise your heart, and stiffen your neck no longer.

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# WE HAVE BEEN ENTRUST TOO

1 Thess 2:4 “Just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God.”

1 Tim. 6:20 “Oh, Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you.”

2 Tim. 1:14 “Guard, through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, the treasure which has been entrusted to you.”

