

THE JEWS ADVANTAGE.

INTRO.:

A. Text: Romans 3:1-8.

B. Regarding the text:

1. Earlier we saw that both Jew and Gentile must obey the gospel (**Romans 1:16**).
2. In **Chapter 3** answers questions concerning the Jews being God's chosen people.
 - 1) **3:1-8**: They did benefit from the oracles of God.
 - 2) **3:9-20**: Under the old law neither Jew nor Gentile could be righteous.
 - 3) **3:21-31**: Men were not free until Christ came and fulfilled the Old Law.

DISCUSSION: FROM THESE VERSES WE OBSERVE...

I. JEWS ADVANTAGE WAS IN HAVING THE LAW (1-2).

A. They resented being placed on the same level with other nations (John 8:33).

B. NOTE (vs. 1).

1. "What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit is there of circumcision?"
2. **1 Corinthians 7:19**.

C. They were in a knowledgeable position.

1. They had been given the LAW, yet had not kept it (**Acts 7:51-52**).
2. The Old Law brought us to Christ (**Galatians 3:24-25**).
3. Obedience was their way to salvation (**Hebrews 5:9**).

II. DOES UNBELIEF NULLIFY THE FAITH OF GOD? (3-4)

A. Faith of God = His faithfulness; His fidelity to the keeping of His promise.

1. **1 Corinthians 1:9**.
2. **Titus 1:2**; Also: **2 Peter 3:9**.

B. Man's belief does not change God's faithfulness (3-4).

1. He will do JUST as promised.
2. We must follow His word. His promises will not be changed.
 - 1) Man's opinion, ideas or beliefs will never change His word!
 - 2) **Galatians 1:6-7**; **Romans 1:16** (Salvation's only guide.)
 - 3) Note: **Revelation 22:18-19**.

III. PERVERSION OF TRUTH HAS NO ADVANTAGE (5-8).

A. Note Vs. 5-6.

1. "**COMMEND**" = To introduce, approve and establish.
2. "**I SPEAK AS A MAN.**" From the view point of men.
3. ***They reasoned*** that the sinful conduct of men caused the mercy of God.
4. ***They reasoned***: Since our sins bring forth the forgiving righteousness of God, He would be unrighteous to punish any sinner. See **Romans 6:1-2**.
5. Remember sin separates men from God (**Isa. 59:1-2**).

B. Paul's example (7-8).

1. He asks – How can an act which glorifies God be counted as sin?
2. If I lie and it glorifies God, then why would I be called a sinner because of the lie?
3. In plain language: "Let's do something evil, so that something good will come of it!"
 - 1) **They reasoned...** Our sins are what causes God to keep His promises!
 - 2) **Jude 4**.
4. This was in the mind of some of the people.
 - 1) BUT God will judge according to his deeds (**John 12:48**; **1 Pet. 1:17**).
 - 2) Whether good or bad (**2 Corinthians 5:10**).

IV. CONCLUSION:

A. God's way is not determined by what men think.

B. Sin's reward is not more blessings (Romans 3:23; 6:23).

C. Men cannot demand God's grace and mercy.