

# Romans

God's Righteousness Upheld ([Romans 3:1-8](#))

## Read: God's Righteousness Upheld (3:1-8)

## Explain: God's Righteousness Upheld (3:1-8)

Are there any literary/structural observations?

Are there any repeated words?

Are there any repeated topics?

What are some observations of the text?

**1 Then what advantage** [*perissos*; What makes being a Jew better than anyone else?] **has the Jew? Or what is the value** [usefulness, advantage, profit] **of circumcision? 2 Much in every way** [*panta*; Adj-AMS 1. individually, each, every, any, all, the whole, everyone, all things, everything]. **To begin with** [pointing to the most important fact], **the Jews were entrusted with the oracles** [the contents of the Mosaic Law (**the word**)] **of God**. [Paul is emphasizing the **privileges** they were entrusted with. [Romans 9:4](#); [Exodus 19:3-6](#)] **3 What if some were unfaithful** [*faai*, to have no belief, be unfaithful; [1 Thessalonians 2:4](#)? **Does their faithlessness nullify** [to render idle, unemployed, inactivate, inoperative, to cause to cease, put an end to, do away with, annul, abolish] **the faithfulness of God?** [This is a rhetorical question leading up to the next verse] **4 By no means! Let God be true though every one were a liar, as it is written,**  
**"That you** [God] **may be justified in your words,**  
**and prevail when you are judged** [present passive infinitive, "In the being judged"; [Psalm 51:4](#)]."

**5 But if our unrighteousness** [wickedness, evil, wrongdoing, Mounce] **serves to show the righteousness** [righteousness, what is right, justice, the act of doing what is in agreement with God's standards, the state of being in proper relationship with God] **of God, what shall we say?** [Paul is introducing a conclusion] **That God is unrighteous to inflict wrath on us? (I speak in a human way.)**



**6 By no means!** [same meaning as in the verse where Paul is bringing out the big guns] **For then how could God judge** [*krino*, V-AOM-3S: avenge, conclude, condemn, damn, decree, determine, esteem, judge, go to (sue at the) law, ordain, call in question, sentence to, think] **the world?** **7 But if through my lie God's truth abounds** [to superabound, be in excess, be superfluous; also (transitively) to cause to superabound or excel, (make, more) abound, (have, have more) abundance, (be more) abundant, be the better, exceed, excel, increase,] **to his** [God's] **glory, why am I still being condemned as a sinner?** [same as in [Romans 6:1, 15](#)] **8 And why not do evil that good may come?—as some people slanderously** [V-PIM/P-1P *blasphemeo*, **Mouce: to blaspheme, insult, slander, curse**] **charge us with saying. Their condemnation is just.**

## Apply (What is the point?)

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| 1. Everyone is doing it.     | Look to the Scripture.        |
| 2. Daily Bible study.        | Bathe yourself in God's word. |
| 3. <b>Do we talk to God?</b> | Prayer is essential?          |

## Personalize (What do we do with that?)

1. Does our reasoning \_\_\_\_\_ with Scripture?
2. Where do we get our theology?

## Next week: No One Is Righteous (3:9-20)

## Homework

### Resources (our helps—order matters)

- Holy Spirit
- Bible: [Romans](#) (ESV)
- Church: [bit.ly/FlemingSS](http://bit.ly/FlemingSS)
- Tools: [bit.ly/romans2017](http://bit.ly/romans2017)

### Our process

- Ask (the Holy Spirit for help)
- Read ([Romans](#))
- Talk (about [Romans](#)—[bit.ly/romans2017group](http://bit.ly/romans2017group))
- Send (feedback to [jim314@yahoo.com](mailto:jim314@yahoo.com)) by Wed)