

“The Ultimate Advantage of Christ’s Righteousness”
Romans 3:1-8

- Was Paul against the Jewish people? (Romans 3:1-3)
 - Paul loved the Jewish people so much that he would be willing to forfeit his salvation if they would be saved on account of that sacrifice (Romans 9:1-3). Paul’s prayer was that the Jews’ zeal would be directed towards Christ, not towards trying to find righteousness in the law (Romans 10:1-4).
 - Yet despite this passion to see the Jews saved, Paul was still falsely accused of being against the Jews (Acts 21:20-21 & 28). But what Paul was against was seeing the Jews put their practices of Judaism on the Gentiles (Acts 15:5 & 10-11 & 28-29; Galatians 2:11-16).
 - Paul was willing to continue to practice some of the Jewish customs so that the Gospel would not be ignored by the Jews (Acts 16:1-3; Acts 21:21-26; Numbers 6:1-21). Even though the distinction of Jew and Gentile was eliminated in Christ (Colossians 3:11; Galatians 3:28), he was willing to identify with all people groups as much as he could without acting in an unholy way (what they wore, where they went, and what they ate). Paul would give up his freedoms and preferences *gladly* for the sake of the gospel (1 Corinthians 9:19-23).
 - The Jews had a great advantage over all other people groups because they had the Word of God; they were God’s chosen people (Deuteronomy 6:6-9 & 7:6-11 & 10:12-16). And God will keep every promise to them as a Nation (Romans 9:4-7 & 11:25-29).
- Does God fail to keep His promises? (Romans 3:4)
 - Does man’s hypocrisy negate the faithfulness of God? *No!* God always keeps His promises (2 Corinthians 1:20). God Himself doesn’t change (Hebrews 13:8; Malachi 3:6; Psalm 119:90). God’s Word doesn’t change (Psalm 33:11; Psalm 119:89; Isaiah 40:8) God cannot lie (Numbers 23:19; Hebrews 6:17-18). God’s Word is absolute truth (Psalm 119:60; John 17:17; 2 Timothy 3:16). Because of this reality we should live out Proverbs 2:1-12 & Psalm 19:7-11!
- Does God offer a “cheap grace?” Does that kind of grace glorify God? (Romans 3:5-8 & 6:1-4)
 - The attitude of this portion of scripture is not the attitude of someone who has been saved. If we are saved we will want to glorify God by killing our sin and striving for holiness (1 John 3:9-10; Colossians 3:5; 2 Corinthians 7:1). So how do I walk this out biblically?
 - 8 helpful mindsets:
 - 1) We are a temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19).
 - 2) We are not our own, we have been bought with a price (1 Corinthians 6:20).
 - 3) We are called to glorify God in our bodies (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).
 - 4) Continuing to sin is not a proper practice in glorifying grace (Romans 6:1).
 - 5) We are to consider ourselves dead to sin (Romans 6:11).
 - 6) We do not allow sin to reign in our physical bodies (Romans 6:12).
 - 7) We are alive; show God’s righteousness (Romans 6:13).
 - 8) Sin is totally defeated because of the work of Christ (Romans 6:14).

Worship: What a Friend We Have in Jesus (Various Artists) My Worth is Not in What I Own (Sovereign Grace Music)
O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer (Sovereign Grace Music) **Closing Song:** How Deep (Kings Kaleidoscope)