

Three Question and Answers to the Uniqueness of a Jewish/Religious Person

**Romans 3:1-8;
9:4-5**

After the Apostle Paul (as a prosecuting attorney) had made a case against the rebellious person, the respectable person and the religious person—all are found guilty of sin and separated from God — he goes on and imagines a Jewish defense attorney standing up and arguing with him and throwing objections that are posed as question.

I. QUESTION 1 – THE SPECIALNESS

Notice the first of three questions posed by these imaginary defense attorney.

"What advantage, then, is there in being a Jew, or what value is there in circumcision?"

(Romans 3:1)

The question can be asked this way...

If God judges a religious Jewish
person as a sinner – not justified
because of rituals, etc. – then
what value is there in being a
Jew?


Paul answers in vs 2 "much in every way! First of all, they have been entrusted with the very words of God."

II. QUESTION 2 – GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

“What if some did not have faith? Will their lack of faith nullify God’s faithfulness?”

The question can be asked this way...

Is God unfaithful to the
promises He gave to the
Jewish people because there
were Jewish people who were
unfaithful?



Paul answers in vs 4 “Not at all! Let God be true, and every man a liar. As it is written: “So that you may be proved right when you speak and prevail when you judge.”

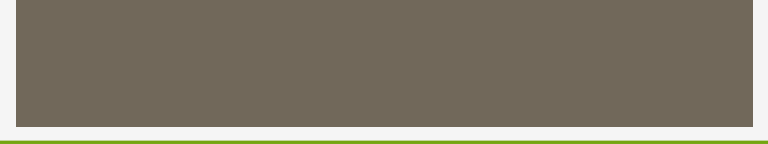
**IN TRUTH, GOD IS FAITHFUL . . .
FULFILLING THE MANY
ANCIENT COVENANTS AND
PROMISES - EVEN GIVING THE
MESSIAH.**

III. QUESTION 3 – GOD’S RIGHTEOUSNESS AND MAN’S UNRIGHTEOUSNESS

*“But if our unrighteousness
brings out God’s righteousness
more clearly, what shall we say?
That God is unjust in bringing
his wrath on us? (I am using a
human argument.)” vs. 5*

The question can be asked this way...

If God forgives graciously every
time I sin – it shows off His
grace – then why not sin even
more and why be judged for it?



Paul answers in vss 6-8 “Certainly not! If that were so, how could God judge the world? Someone might argue, “If my falsehood enhances God’s truthfulness and so increases his glory, why am I still condemned as a sinner?” Why not say - as we are being slanderously reported as saying and as some claim that we say – “Let us do evil that good may result”? Their condemnation is deserved.”

IN ESSENCE, EVERYONE IS FULLY RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT WE DO WITH OUR SIN, REGARDLESS OF WHY THE SIN IS IN US.