

Wait A Minute--I Object!

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Text: Romans 3:1–8 (ESV) — 1 Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the value of circumcision? 2 Much in every way. To begin with, the Jews were entrusted with the oracles of God. 3 What if some were unfaithful? Does their faithlessness nullify the faithfulness of God? 4 By no means! Let God be true though every one were 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 serves to show the righteousness of God, what shall we say? That God is unrighteous to inflict wrath on us? (I speak in a human way.) 6 By no means! For then how could God judge the world? 7 But if through my lie God’s truth abounds to his glory, why am I still being condemned as a sinner? 8 And why not do evil that good may come?—as some people slanderously charge us with saying. Their condemnation is just.

Introduction:

Big Idea: Your _____ before God is the most important issue in your life.

Objection # 1 If I am a sinner—What advantages is there in coming from a _____? (1-2)

- The Jews were essentially objecting to Paul’s teaching about universal sinfulness because in their minds it destroyed their special standing with God.
- Paul answers this question: what advantage is there in being a Jew? They were given the “oracles of God”

Objection #2 If I am a sinner—Why not _____ on God since He has given up on us? (3-4)

- Are God’s promises conditional? _____
- Reference to Psalm 51
 - Point is clear: GOD ALWAYS _____

Objection #3 If I am a sinner—Why bother being good -- I am doing God a _____ when I sin, right? (5-8)

- Does my sin glorify God? _____

Truth Into Action:

- Once a man has sinned, he displays an amazing ability to justify his sin. **BE HONEST ABOUT YOUR SIN...DON'T MINIMIZE OR DISMISS IT!**
- Once a man turns from his sin, God displays an amazing ability to forgive his sin. **CONFESS YOUR SIN, REPENT OF IT AND BE FORGIVEN!**

Connect Card:

- What advantage does having a Bible give you?
- How may we help & pray for you?



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk

Warm Up: What would you rather be given: 1) A skill in a sport or 2) An understanding of God's story revealed in the Bible? Explain your answer:

1. In Romans 3:1–7, Paul says that coming from a religious family can be a benefit, but only if a person believes in Jesus Christ. Otherwise, it's all a wasted opportunity.
 - What things in your upbringing are a benefit to you if you also believe in Jesus Christ?
 - How have you seen this fact in your own life or with close friends or family members?
2. Paul says sometimes people who are religious, and participate in religious events and traditions, wrongly think they are right with God even if they don't believe in Jesus Christ. How have you fallen into this same trap in your own life?
3. When Paul says (Romans 3:6), "God will judge the world," it should give us hope that wrongs will be made right, everyone and everything will be dealt with justly once and forever, and the world as we know it will come to an end to be replaced by perfection and peace. What are you most looking forward to when God judges the world once and for all?
4. In Romans 3:8, Paul says some people want to argue that it's okay to do a bad thing if it is part of a greater good. How do people think the same thing today? Why is this thinking wrong in the sight of God?
5. Paul says the more we understand God's commands in the Scriptures, the more we should be aware of all the ways we have broken God's laws and sinned. How has your awareness of your own sin and your need for a Savior increased the more you have learned from the Bible?
6. How has God been faithful to you even when you have failed in your faithfulness to Him?