

Romans 3

How to be right with God

Romans 3:1-8 Objections

Objection 1: Paul's teaching undermines God's covenant (v. 1-2)

Objection 2: Paul's teaching nullifies God's faithfulness (v. 3)

Objection 3: Paul's teaching impugns God's justice (v. 5-6)

Objection 4: Paul's teaching falsely promotes God's glory (v. 7-8)

Romans 3:9-20 The power of sin

- “What shall we conclude then? Do we have any advantage? Not at all! For we have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under the power of sin.” (v. 9)
- “Sin is the revolt of the self against God, the dethronement of God with a view to the enthronement of oneself. Ultimately, sin is self-deification, the reckless determination to occupy the throne which belongs to God alone.” (Stott)
- “Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.” (v. 19)
- “Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God’s sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.” (v. 20) – Crescendo of the passage- we can’t get right before God ourselves

Romans 3:21-26- BUT NOW

²¹ But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.²² This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile,²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.²⁵ God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—²⁶ he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

Conclusion

- The cross promotes:
 - HUMILITY: No boasting
 - UNITY: No discrimination
 - PURITY: Gratitude