

# The Righteousness of God

God is Faithful  
and Just

## Romans 3:1-8 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the value of circumcision? <sup>2</sup> Much in every way. To begin with, the Jews were entrusted with the oracles of God. <sup>3</sup> What if some were unfaithful? Does their faithlessness nullify the faithfulness of God? <sup>4</sup> 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." <sup>5</sup> 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.) <sup>6</sup> By no means! For then how could God judge the world? <sup>7</sup> But if through my lie God's truth abounds to his glory, why am I still being condemned as a sinner? <sup>8</sup> And why not do evil that good may come? – as some people slanderously charge us with saying. Their condemnation is just.

## Context: Jewish objections to the Gospel

*So ... it's not worth anything to be Jewish?*

*What about the promises God made to our forefathers?*

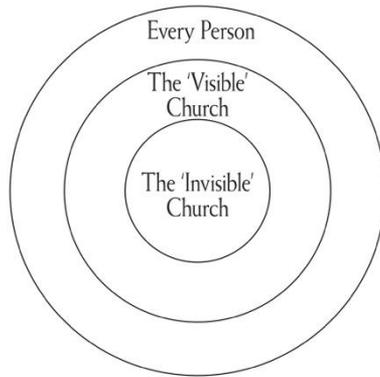
*Doesn't your teaching actually encourage sin?*

## Paul's response and the defense of God:

*You have a great advantage ...*

*God's promises guarantee both blessing and punishment ...*

*God's justice is displayed in ...*



2 questions for '**religious people**' today:

*Is there any advantage being in the "2<sup>nd</sup> Circle"?*

*Should I make my kids come to church?*

*My spouse isn't interested ... what about them?*

*Do I truly understand the Gospel of grace?*

2 implications for the **Church** today:

*Guard the treasure, enjoy the privilege, and share the truth of ...*

*Know that among you are those who are ...*