

THE MOST IMPORTANT BOOK IN THE WORLD!

**ROMANS**

# Romans 3: Preparing the Ground For Salvation

1. There are 2 major lines of teaching interwoven in the first 2 1/2 chaps. of Romans:
  - a. Paul's Distinct Apostleship
  - b. Man's Ruin and God's Wrath
2. Romans does not open with the doctrine of Man's Ruin and God's Wrath but with the doctrine of Paul's Distinct Apostleship, which He says is invested with His Glory. Rom. 1:1-7.
3. Rom. 2 the Riches of God's Glory are being dispensed through Paul's Distinct Apostleship.
4. Paul's Distinct Apostleship:
  - a. Justification by Grace through Faith (apart from the Law and Works).
  - b. Sanctification by Grace through Faith (apart from the Law and Works).
  - c. God's Two Purposes: Earthly and Heavenly Purposes.
  - d. God's Two Programs: Prophetic and Mystery Programs.
  - e. God's Two Groups of People: National Israel and The Body of Christ.
  - f. Pre-Tribulation Rapture
5. Rejecting any of Paul's teaching means that the ground will be improperly prepared because the weatherproofing liner protecting the foundation will have holes in it.

# Romans 3: Let Us Do Evil That Good May Come?

6. The first thing we need to note as we enter Rom. 3 is that Paul is not addressing general humanity. He is still dealing with the Jews and Israel. 3:1-2
7. The second thing we need to note is that the point of this passage is found in 3:8 where Paul's Ministry is accused of saying, "Let us do evil that good may come!"  
---How could Paul's Jewish enemies construe his teaching to say such a thing?
8. Paul's is teaching that God is now saving His enemies, calling right wrong people, and the main question he has to answer is how God can remain Just (Righteous and Holy) while declaring wrong sinners right.
9. Paul takes this further with respect to Israel, saying:
  - b. 11:11—It is through Israel's Fall, that God is now sending salvation to the Gentiles.
  - c. 11:12—Through Israel's Fall, God's Riches are now going out to the world.
  - d. 11:12—Through the diminishing of Israel's Prophetic Program, God is now enriching the Gentiles through a Mystery Program.
  - c. 11:15— Through Israel's casting away, God's is now reconciling the world.
  - d. 11:19—Through the breaking off of Israel's branches, God is now grafting in the Gentile branches into the Tree of Blessing.

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10. Rom. 3:3-4: Well, Paul, if Israel's unbelief and unfaithfulness in the oracles resulted in God extending mercy to those who fall on His Grace then God is unfaithful. Rom. 3:3-4
  - That is exactly what God did in the David and Bathsheba incident.  
No Jew thought God was unfaithful then! God took someone worthy only of His wrath and judgment (David) yet maintained His freedom to extend to him His mercy and grace. (Ps. 51:1-4)
  - God is proved faithful and righteous whether He is blessing or judging.
  - God announced this freedom at the Golden Calf Incident in Ex. 33:19.
  - Conclusion: God is not only faithful if some are unfaithful, He is faithful even if all are unfaithful in extending His grace and mercy.
11. Even though Israel's Fall called for God's Judgment and Wrath, He instead exercised His freedom and held back that Wrath and extended His Mercy and Grace to the "vessels of wrath" instead. (Rom. 9:22)
12. When He has completed this work in the world, especially among the Gentiles, He will restart His program with Israel and fulfill all the promises He made to her FAITHFULLY!

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13. Rom. 3:5-6: Well, Paul, if Israel's unrighteousness is basis by which God's Righteousness is being commended/made known (Rom. 3:21-22; 9:30-10:4), then God would be unrighteous in imposing wrath on her.
  - Paul rejects this because then God would be unrighteous to judge the Gentile world because their unrighteousness would be displaying His righteous judgment—something no Jew would ever think.
12. Rom. 3:7: Well, Paul, if Israel's lie causes God's Truth to abound unto His Glory through your apostleship (Rom. 1:5;5:2; 11:36), why should she be reduced to the same level as other sinners (Gentile sinners)? Let us do evil that good may come!
14. Rom. 3:8: This perverted viewpoint of Paul's Apostleship and Ministry is shown for what it really is—slanderous, blasphemous and worthy of damnation.
16. What God is doing today through the Apostleship of Paul in exercising His freedom to extend Grace and Peace on those who deserve only His Judgment and Wrath, Jew and Gentile alike, during the time of national Israel's FALL is in perfect accord with His Faithfulness, Righteousness and Truthfulness! Rom. 1:7