

God's Faithfulness - Romans 3:1-8

Topics: Confession, Judgment, Justice, Law, Self-righteousness, Sin, Unfairness

Open It

- * 1. What could you learn about the character of a person by watching the behavior of his or her children?
- 2. How do you determine if a person is telling the truth?

Explore It

- 3. What is the advantage of being a Jew? (3:1-2)
- 4. How did God show favor toward the Jews? (3:1-2)
- 5. With what have Jews been entrusted? (3:2)
- * 6. How does failure to be true to God reflect on the character of God? (3:3-4)
- 7. When we realize our own sinfulness, what do we learn about the character of God? (3:5)
- 8. What brings out God's righteousness more clearly? (3:5)
- * 9. What was Paul's response to the charge that God is unjust in judging us? (3:5)
- 10. What was Paul's human argument about the fairness of God's judgment of us? (3:5-8)
- * 11. How is God's character affected by the level of our sinfulness? (3:7)
- 12. What false statement or teaching was being attributed to Paul? (3:8)
- 13. Who did Paul say deserves condemnation? (3:8)

Get It

- 14. How can good come out of evil?
- 15. What danger results from defining our goodness in relative terms—such as comparing ourselves to notorious villains like Adolf Hitler or Charles Manson?
- * 16. What religious activities are we tempted to rely on as the basis of our justification before God?
- 17. How do you react when you see a well-known Christian leader exposed for sinful activities?
- 18. How is your faith in God affected by the public sins of Christian leaders?
- 19. In what practical ways can our lives be changed by the belief that God's promises will never change?
- 20. In what ways do we minimize the effects of sin or of disobeying God's law?
- * 21. What excuses do we use to explain away continuing sinful behavior in our lives?
- 22. What would Paul's reaction be to the statement, "You can't appreciate the good until you have experienced the bad"?

Apply It

- 23. What sins in your life do you need to confess to God and repent of this week?
- * 24. What step or action can you take this week to keep you from taking God's grace for granted?
- 25. Which of God's promises do you want to keep in your thoughts this week?