

# THE BOOK OF ROMANS

## ISRAEL'S UNBELIEF GLORIFIES GOD

*Romans 3:1-8*

### Israel's Advantage

*Romans 3:1-2*

#### Free Offer of the Gospel

The very offer of the gospel is not something that is owed to anyone. The only thing that is owed to all men is justice. The very offer of the gospel only comes to anyone because God is showing love.

*Romans 6:23, John 3:16*

#### Free Offer to Israel

- ❑ Israel lived with the gospel portrayed before them, the gospel revealed through types and shadows. *Romans 9:1-5, Hebrews 11:26, Isaiah 55:1-3, Galatians 3:8-9*
- ❑ This is why Paul can say there is an advantage, but they (the Jews) are not better. The advantages did not benefit them since their disobedience and rejection of God nullified the benefit. They did not see and respond to the Gospel.

#### God's Faithfulness to Israel

*Romans 3:3-4*

#### Our God is ALWAYS Faithful

- ❑ Faithfulness is tied to the character of the God of Scripture. Our God cannot be anything other than faithful. *2 Timothy 2:13*
- ❑ By giving Israel all that He has, He shows Himself faithful to them and then also has the right to judge them for rejecting Him.

#### No Excuse for Unbelief

Predestination notwithstanding, there is never an excuse for not believing. No one can say that he is a victim of unbelief. *Romans 9:19-21, Romans 1:20*

#### Unbelief Brings Glory to God

*Romans 3:5-8*

#### Unbelief Does Bring Glory to God

- ❑ God is glorified (made to look good) by sin and the resulting judgment as well as by grace and resulting faith. *Acts 4:27-28*
- ❑ God gets the glory no matter what. This should squash our pride.

#### God Must be Just for He is God

- ❑ There is not way for God to be unjust. He is a holy God and therefore the punishment of sin is a vivid display of his holiness. *Genesis 15:1-18, Romans 6:23*
- ❑ Notice the expectation is that everyone accepts His right to Judge the world. This is a given.

#### Evil is Still Evil and Must be Punished

- ❑ The mystery that God can bring good out of evil never eliminates the truth that sin must always be punished. Even if it is ultimately going to be punished in Christ.
- ❑ The fact that our sin is used for our good never allows the believer to free himself from the responsibility for his sin. *Romans 8:28, 1 Timothy 5:19-20*
- ❑ In fact, believers should be very careful if they use this as an excuse since that does not show the love for God that is present in every believer's life.