

God's Preserved Glory

Romans 3:1-8

Context: Paul has been showing us the equal sinfulness of Gentiles and Jews. Concerning Jewishness, Paul has said that circumcision is of no advantage and that God shows no partiality. Now, Paul addresses some of the expected objections of the Jewish people. Despite man's unfaithfulness and unrighteousness - God's glory stands true.

To better grasp the preserved Glory of God...

I. Marvel at His _____ (vs. 1-4)

- A. The Jewish people were entrusted with the "oracles of God." This refers to the Old Testament scriptures which detail God's promises to save Israel. Today, we have also been entrusted with the Word of God. Like the Jewish people of old, we must be careful to seek faithfulness to God's word.
- B. Despite human unfaithfulness, Paul affirms that God remains true to His promises and character. This should reassure you that your faith, while important, does not sustain God's promises; He alone upholds them. Philippians 1:6; 1 John 1:9.

II. Meditate on His _____ (vs. 5-8)

- A. Charles Swindoll rephrases the question of verse 5 as, "If God's light shines brighter because of our darkness, haven't we glorified God all the more by our wrongdoing? Let's sin like crazy so we'll know grace like never before!" This absurd thinking will only bring further condemnation (vs. 8). Romans 6:1-2.
- B. Because of His holiness, God is completely righteous to inflict wrath on sinful man.