

## ROMANS CHAPTER THREE

### Comments and Questions

Verses: 1-8

- 1) Jewish prominence is clearly observable as a result of the influence of the Law of Moses.  
a) Question: What caused Jewish religious / moral prominence?
- 2) Jewish downfall can be seen in their unfaithfulness to Jehovah.  
a) Question: Why did the other nations disregard Jehovah?
- 3) Jehovah's name was disparaged as a result of Jewish sinfulness.  
a) Question: How did Jewish unfaithfulness cause God's name to be denigrated among the other nations?

Verses: 9-20

- 1) Humanity's unrighteous character revealed.  
a) Question: Was Jewish sinfulness emblematic of all other nations?
- 2) Man's inability to "save" himself from sin's damnation.  
a) Question: Is man incapable of "saving" himself from the debt of sin?

Verses: 21-31

- 1) "Faith" the medium to obtain redemption.  
a) Question: Why did God choose "faith" as the requirement to please Him?
- 2) Christ is God's appeasement for man's unrighteousness.  
a) Question: How did Jesus become God's appeasement for man's debt of sin?
- 3) God the Creator and Redeemer, is the universal Governor of all men.  
a) Question: What causes God to be Supreme ruler of both Jews and Gentiles?

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#### “CIRCUMCISION”:

- 1) Depicts someone who is in a covenant relationship with Jehovah via the Law of Moses (Acts 7:8; Galatians 5:3)
  
- 2) Paul argues that “circumcision” is really “a cutting off” of something (Galatians 5:10, 12) whereas he (as a follower of Christ) recommended a “reconciliation” (with God) (2 Corinthians 5:18)
  
- 3) That if anything needed “cutting off” it is: “the removal of sins” from the penitent person (John 7:23; Acts 7:51) as well as the “cutting off” of evil persons and their bad influence from the life of the Christian. (1 Corinthians 15:33)
  
- 4) “Circumcision” is a “sign” of something, and without the “activity” which is supposed to form the basis of the sign, “circumcision” is merely a “guidepost” pointing to nothing. (Romans 4:11 “and he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of faith which he had...”)
  
- 5) According to Colossians 2:11 “inward circumcision” trumps “outward circumcision”