



# The Book of Romans

## How to be Right with God

(Romans 3:1-8)

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THEME, Chapters 1-11: The 5 cycles of Paul's persuasive argument concerning justification.

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  - ✓ Revealing Himself in Creation, 1:18-32!
  - ✓ Giving man a conscience to know good and evil, 2:1-16.
  - ✓ Granting the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience to lead man to repentance, 2:4.

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- God's Grace!
  - ✓ Judging man, impartially, according to the "light" each one has, 11-16.
  - ✓ Giving the Law to Israel, and giving Israel to be the Light to the world, 2:17-29.

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# REJECTION!!



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Hypophora, 3:1-20.

“Hypophora” involves Paul  
posing and answering  
potential questions  
which his readers might have  
about what he just presented!

Where did Paul come up with the questions??



Where did Paul come up with the questions??

Paul had probably had hundreds of conversations, in dozens of cities!

Some of the questions may have been ones that Paul, himself, struggled with as he grappled with the truth of the gospel.



# Questions and Answers Concerning The Universal Need of Justification, 3:1-20

1. Then what advantage has the Jew?

Or what is the benefit of circumcision?, 3:1-2

→ Scripture!! What A Blessing!!!

Cf. also Romans 9:3-5.

WHT MIGHT THIS LOOK LIKE TODAY?

# Questions and Answers Concerning The Universal Need of Justification, 3:1-20

2. Will the unbelief of some nullify the  
faithfulness of God? 3;3-4

→ Not a chance!!

Danger of  
following “people”

# Questions and Answers Concerning The Universal Need of Justification, 3:1-20

3. If my unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God...is God unrighteous when He judges?, 3:5-6  
→ No way!!

## Questions and Answers Concerning The Universal Need of Justification, 3:1-20

4. If my lie causes the truth of God to abound to His glory, why am I still being judged as a sinner?

Why not sin so God is glorified? 3:7-8

→ Their condemnation is just!!

The “end” does not justify “the means.”

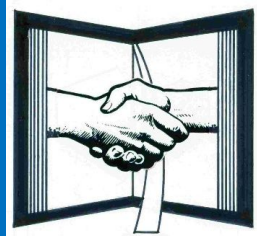
## Some Concluding Thoughts...

1. God's faithfulness is unalterable...  
it is part of His character. He WILL keep His promises!
2. God's righteousness is also unalterable...  
it is part of His character. And as a result of that, He will judge mankind.
3. The mind of man has an incredible capacity for rationalizing sin.



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4. It is never right to sin...there is never any legitimate justification for sin.
5. When confronted with our own sinfulness, some of the most common responses are to start making comparisons or excuses.



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