

IRON LEAGUE MEN'S STUDY

PAUL'S EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS

ROMANS 3

Lesson 4

Day 1: Read Romans 3:1-8

The fact that even the Jews, who had the law, were also condemned would have generated questions in the mind of the Romans. Paul anticipated those questions and answered them in Romans 3:1-8.

Read verses 3:1-8 from the ESV: *1 Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the value of circumcision? 2 Much in every way. To begin with, the Jews were entrusted with the oracles of God. 3 What if some were unfaithful? Does their faithlessness nullify the faithfulness of God? 4 By no means! Let God be true though every one were a liar, as it is written, "That you may be justified in your words, and prevail when you are judged." 5 But if our unrighteousness serves to show the righteousness of God, what shall we say? That God is unrighteous to inflict wrath on us? (I speak in a human way.) 6 By no means! For then how could God judge the world? 7 But if through my lie God's truth abounds to his glory, why am I still being condemned as a sinner? 8 And why not do evil that good may come?--as some people slanderously charge us with saying. Their condemnation is just.*

Use the chart below to summarize Paul's questions and answers:

Question	Answer
Verse 1	Verse 2
Verse 3	Verse 4
Verse 5	Verse 6
Verse 7	Verse 8b

Day 2: Read Romans 3:9-20

In light of the advantage of the Jew (Romans 3:1), Paul asked if Jews were better than Gentiles (Romans 3:9a). Record his conclusion in Romans 3:9b.



Day 3: Read Romans 3:21-26

According to Romans 3:23, why do *all* men need the righteousness that comes through Jesus alone?

- a. Link this with Philippians 3:9 and share your thoughts.

Day 4: Read Romans 2:25-29

Some may have argued with Paul that he seemed to *make void the law* because of his emphasis on faith in Christ. Knowing this, Paul declared in Romans 3:31 (NLT), *Well then, if we emphasize faith, does this mean that we can forget about the law? Of course not! In fact, only when we have faith do we truly fulfill the law.* Link this with Galatians 5:14 to share how faith in Christ enables us to *fulfill the law*.

Day 5: Review

Share an insight you gained this week about each of the following:

- a. The righteousness of God (Romans 3:1-8)
- b. The unrighteousness of mankind (Romans 3:9-20)
- c. Justification by faith in Jesus Christ (Romans 3:21-26)
- d. The impartiality of God (Romans 3:27-31)

