## PAUL'S RHETORICAL QUESTIONS TO THE JEWS ROMANS 3:1-8

- I. WHAT PLACE DOES RELIGION HAVE IN ONE'S LIFE? [3:1-2]
  - A. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF HAVING RELIGION? [3:1; 2:25-29; 2:12-20; 2:17-18]
  - B. WHAT IS THE ADVANTAGE OF BEING RELIGIOUS? [3:2; James 1:22]
- II. WHAT IS ONE'S SPIRITUAL RESPONSE TO GOD? [3:3-4]
  - A. ARE WE ABANDONED BY GOD BECAUSE OF SIN? [3:3-4; 2 Sam.12:7; Matt.3:9; Lk.3:8]
  - B. GOD'S UNCHANGING COMPASSION AND MERCY TOWARD SINNERS
    [3:4; Jn.6:37; Gal.6:7; 1 Jn.1:9; Pro.28:13; Jer.18:4]
- III. WHY DO WE NEED TO LIVE RIGHTEOUSLY? [3:5-8]
  - A. GOD DOES NOT CONDONE SIN
    [3:5b; 3:4; Psa.51:4; 1 Cor.10:13; Rom.6:14]
  - B. GOD'S VIEW TOWARDS SIN WILL NEVER CHANGE [3:6; 6:23; 5:9; Gal.6:7]
  - C. GOD CAN OVERRULE MEN'S SIN TO ACHIEVE HIS PURPOSES [3:7-8]
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