**Edge**

*Romans 3:1–8*

**Passage Background and Context Information**

In the Bible, the nation of Israel enjoyed a privileged status. In the book of Exodus, God called the nation of Israel, the Jews, out of Egypt to be His own treasured possession. In Romans 2, Paul has argued that the Jews, despite their privileged status, have disobeyed God like the Gentiles, non-Jews, and so on judgment day they equally deserve the wrath of God. Their possession of God’s written law and religious rituals makes no difference for them on judgment day. So what is the advantage of being a Jew, being one of God’s special, chosen people?

**Bible Verse**

###### Romans 3:1-2 (CSB)

1So what advantage does the Jew have? Or what is the benefit of circumcision?

2Considerable in every way. First, they were entrusted with the very words of God.

**1. They were entrusted with God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (1-2)**

**Bible Verse**

###### 2 Timothy 3:15 (CSB)

15and you know that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are able to give you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

**Bible Verse**

###### Romans 3:3-4 (CSB)

3What then? If some were unfaithful, will their unfaithfulness nullify God’s faithfulness?

4Absolutely not! Let God be true, even though everyone is a liar, as it is written: That you may be justified in your words and triumph when you judge.

**2. The edge is God’s a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (3-4)**

* This is the doctrine of God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It is God’s perfect loyalty in being true to His Word.

Doug Moo, “Too easily do we forget that God’s ultimate concern is for his own glory and not for our blessing; that his righteousness is beautifully displayed when he judges as well as when he saves. We want to ‘stand on the promises’—and this is entirely appropriate. But we must not forget that God promises (in the NT as well as in the OT) to rebuke and chastise his people for sin as well as to bless them out of the abundance of his grace.”

**Bible Verse**

###### Romans 3:5-8 (CSB)

5But if our unrighteousness highlights God’s righteousness, what are we to say? I am using a human argument: Is God unrighteous to inflict wrath?

6Absolutely not! Otherwise, how will God judge the world?

7But if by my lie God’s truth abounds to his glory, why am I also still being judged as a sinner?

8And why not say, just as some people slanderously claim we say, “Let us do what is evil so that good may come”? Their condemnation is deserved!

**3. Don’t \_\_\_\_\_ with God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (5-8)**

**Pray**

I want to model a brief prayer that you can pray after me. Will you pray with me?

“Jesus, I confess I am a sinner. I deserve Your judgment of death and hell. But I believe You love me, came down for me, lived a perfect life, and shed Your blood and died on the cross for my sins. I also believe that God raised You from the dead for the forgiveness of my sins, to change me, and grant me everlasting life. Please forgive me, change my heart, and give me eternal life. I believe You are my Forgiver and God. I give my life to love, obey, and make much of You! In Jesus’ name, amen.”

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Almighty God, we thank You for the privilege of receiving Your Word and the promises contained therein. Grant us true, sincere appreciation for Your Word. May we see our sin and Your gracious provision, Jesus, in all Your Word. You are perfectly faithful to Your Word. Help us to be faithful to Your Word. Glorify Yourself as God. Your judgments are true and right. Help us never to abuse Your faithfulness. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

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