

**New Life Community Church Lifeline Notes**  
**The Apostle Paul's Letter to the Romans**  
**"Rightly Related to Relate Rightly"**  
**Mischievous Truth-Twisting and Truth-Dodging**  
**(Romans 3:1-10)**

**Every question has a quest. What drives the questions in Romans 2-3?**

**Scripture Reading: Romans 3:1-10**

**The Problem of Deflecting Guilt and Minimizing the Need for the Redeeming Work of Christ**

**The Art of Excuse Making (Luke 14:16-24)**

**All human beings are without excuse. (Romans 1:20)**

**You have no excuse (Romans 2:1)**

**Romans 2:9<sup>9</sup> *There will be tribulation and distress for every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek,***

**I. Objection 1 – “You are discounting Old Testament history”**

**Romans 3:1<sup>1</sup> Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the benefit of circumcision?**

**Paul's answer (Romans 3:2; Romans 9:15):**

**II. Objection 2 – “You are saying God is not faithful”**

**Romans 3:3<sup>3</sup> What if some were unfaithful? Does their faithlessness nullify the faithfulness of God?**

**Paul’s answer: (Romans 3:4; Psalm 116:11; Psalm 51:4; Zechariah 12:10)**

**III. Objection 3 – “God is unrighteous to judge us if our unrighteousness magnifies His mercy.”**

**Romans 3:5<sup>5</sup> 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.)**

**Paul’s answer: (Romans 3:6; Psalm 9:8)**

**IV. Objection 4 – “Why not continue in sin that grace may increase?”**

**Romans 3:7-8<sup>7</sup> But if through my lie the truth of God abounded to His glory, why am I also still being judged as a sinner? <sup>8</sup> And why not say (as we are slanderously reported and as some claim that we say), "Let us do evil that good may come"? Their condemnation is just.**

**Paul's answer: (Romans 6:1-7)**

**V. Preliminary facts identified by the gospel:**

**1. People \_\_\_\_\_ keep the Law. (Romans 2:17-29; 3:10; James 2:10)**

**2. People \_\_\_\_\_ keep the Law (Romans 7:12; 8:3; 1Tim 1:8)**

**3. \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ produce the power to keep the Law**

**4. The \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ produce the power to keep the Law**

**5. The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ produce the power to keep the Law (Romans 8:3-4; Titus 2:11-13)**

## **Concluding Lessons and Questions:**