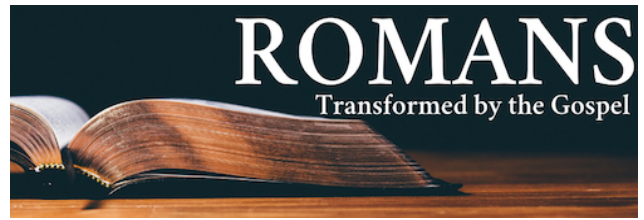


## False Saviors!

April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – Romans 3:1-8  
Pastor Jon Pickens



### Paul Answers Three Objections

1. **Objection #1:** “Paul, what you are teaching renders our Jewish heritage meaningless!”
  - a. **Paul’s Answer:** Just because your Jewish heritage does not keep you from God’s wrath, doesn’t mean that it has no value.

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2. **Objection #2:** “Paul, God would be unfaithful if He held us accountable for the faithlessness of a few.”
  - a. **Paul’s Answer:** The issue is not God’s faithfulness, but rather your blindness to your own unfaithfulness.

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3. **Objection #3:** “Paul, God can’t hold us accountable for violating His law because they serve to magnify God.”
  - a. **Paul’s First Answer:** God can use the violation of His law as the magnification of His righteousness and the basis of His judgment.
  - b. **Paul’s Second Answer:** By that argument, there is no way you can believe I am telling a lie and still condemn me as a sinner.
  - c. **Paul’s Third Answer:** Your objection only proves you deserve condemnation.

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### False Saviors

1. Your Christian upbringing does not exempt you from condemnation.
2. Your religious activity does not exempt you from condemnation.
3. Your reliance on cheap grace will not exempt you from condemnation.

**The Big Take-a-Way: Only being “IN CHRIST” will exempt you from condemnation!**

### Questions to reflect upon:

1. Why do you think it would have been shocking for Paul to say that a true Jew is one inwardly not outwardly, and in this way, Gentiles can actually be true Jews?
2. Paul's argument is that all people are under God's wrath, including the Jews, who seem to claim special privilege before God, after all they are His chosen people, people of the covenant, and have been given the law. However, on what basis were they equal to the Gentiles?
3. In what ways do we have a tendency to assume special privilege before God?
4. Out of the three false saviors that Pastor Jon mentioned, which ones do you think is most prominent in today's church?
5. How is God speaking to you through Romans and how should you respond?

### Questions to reflect upon (older kid's version):

1. What were the three objections that Paul answered?
2. How did Paul answer those objections?
3. Which answer that Paul gave stood out to you the most and why?
4. What false savior stood out to you the most and why?
5. How does it make you feel that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus?

### My Personal Take-Away from the Message:

### Next Steps: April Reading Plan (Week 3)

**Day One:** Mark 15

**Day Two:** Mark 16

**Day Three:** Romans 1

**Day Four:** Romans 2

**Day Five:** Romans 3

**Sermon: Romans 3:9-20**

### Journaling Tip:

Make it simple... You may like to write to process, which is fine, but try to land on a phrase that you can take with you throughout the day.

Example:

Mark 13:9 Be on guard... ready to stand firm in my faith

### April Scripture Memory:

**37** "Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; **38** give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

**Luke 6:37-38 (ESV)**