

Sermon Guide

Passage: Romans 3:1-8 (p1133)

1. Have you ever thought about the significance and emphasis put on the nation Israel in the Old Testament portion of the Bible? If you belonged to this nation, could you also see why you might feel, even expect, a continuation of unique emphasis on your people in the Gospel (Romans 1:16-17)?
2. This reliance on 'uniqueness' was, of course, misguided. Paul's argument is that both those from Israel (Jews) and those from other nations (Gentiles) all need the same Gospel to be right with God. So the question is rightly asked, "*Then what advantage has the Jew?*" - verse 9. From this passage alone, how might you answer that question?
3. Further still, take a look at Romans 2:28-29 (and surrounding context), Paul was reframing or reshaping or enlarging the definition of 'Jew' (understood as someone in right relationship with God). What is Paul's definition of a 'Jew' given in Romans 2:28-29?
4. The main thrust of the argument so far is that ethnicity does not guarantee a right relationship with God, no matter how privileged the ethnic group may be. How does this help you understand what it means to be in right relationship with God through the Gospel of grace?

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