

SERMON NOTES

Date: January 24, 2016

Title: I Object!

Text: Romans 3:1-8

Big Idea: Paul anticipates and answers Jewish objections to his argument that both Jews and Gentiles will be equally condemned for unrepentant sin apart from faith in Jesus Christ.

First Objection: "Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the value of circumcision?" (v. 1)

First Answer: "Much in every way. To begin with, the Jews were entrusted with the oracles of God." (v. 2)

Second Objection: "What if some were unfaithful? Does their faithlessness nullify the faithfulness of God?" (v. 3)

Second Answer: "By no means! Let God be true though every one were a liar, as it is written, 'That you may be justified in your words, and prevail when you are judged.'" (v. 4)

Third Objection: "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.)" (v. 5)

"But if through my lie God's truth abounds to his glory, why am I still being condemned as a sinner? And why not do evil that good may come?—as some people slanderously charge us with saying" (vs. 7, 8a)

Third Answer: "By no means! For then how could God judge the world?" (v. 6)

"Their condemnation is just." (v. 8b)

