

## **Our Faithlessness Will Not Nullify the Faithfulness of God** **Romans 3:1-8**

My understanding of the gospel can be summarized in four words based on John 3:16  
God, People, Jesus, Response.

The Book of Romans is the gospel as Paul understands it. There's a whole lot more than four words. The unique thing about Romans is that Paul does not address specific issues or problems that are present in that Church. Romans is a textbook explanation of the gospel that can be taken into any setting.

In writing out his understanding of the gospel, Paul anticipates a number of questions and concerns that people will have. He writes out those questions in his letter and then he answers those questions right here in the letter. One of the first questions Paul asks and answers is this:

*Will my unfaithfulness to God result in God being unfaithful to me?*

The way we might say it today is this...  
Is it too late for me? Am I too bad? How can God love a person like me?  
Have I made too much of a mess of my life for God to accept me?

Do you have questions about God? It's a good thing to have questions.  
At Hope, we want to welcome people here with their questions, but we also want to challenge people to have good reasons for taking their positions.

**First question:** What advantage is there in being a Jew?

*What other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today? Deuteronomy 4:8*

**Second question:** Will God remain faithful when people are faithless?

*If we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself. 2 Timothy 2:13*

**Third question:** If our unrighteousness magnifies God's righteousness, why does He still judge our unrighteousness?

**Fourth question:** Why am I still condemned?

God, in His grace, is able to work with you, as is and with all faults.  
God, in His grace, is bigger and deeper than you will ever understand.  
God, in His grace, can give you everything you need to believe and obey Him.

This week, if you begin reading the gospels at a pace of 2 chapters/day, you will finish all four gospels by Easter.