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Advantages of having God's Word
Romans 3:1-8

The Bible doesn't just change a **life** but it changes a **lifestyle**

Romans

- Section 1. The **wrath** of God. ch. 1-3:20
- Section 2. God's **grace** and unmerited favor. ch. 3:21- 8
- Section 3. The **plan** of God. ch. 9-11
- Section 4. The **will** of God. ch. 12-16

Chapters 1-11 What to **believe**
Chapters 12-16 How to **behave**

Section 1 Theme: But God shows His anger from heaven against all sinful, wicked people who suppress the truth by their wickedness. **Romans 1:18**

1. The arguments of the skeptic

Questions:

- 1. What is the **advantage** of being a Jew? **3:1**
- 2. What is the **value** of the **ceremony** of circumcision? **3:1**
- 3. Some of them were **unfaithful**, but just because they were unfaithful; does that mean God will be **unfaithful**? **3:3**
- 4. Some might say, "our **sinfulness** serves a good **purpose**. For it helps people see how **righteous** God is. Isn't it unfair, then, for Him to **punish** us?" **3:5**

Deuteronomy 14:2; Isaiah 43:10

2. The answers of the scholar

- a. Yes, there are great **benefits**! Even if everyone else is a **liar** God is **true**. **3:2**
- b. Of Course not! If God were not entirely **fair**, how would He be **qualified** to judge the world? **3:4**

Paul never said that the Jewish heritage wasn't **important** he just said it wasn't **sufficient**.

3. The advantages of scripture

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First of all **Proton:** Greek: most **important**, primary

Romans 9:1-5

Oracles of God/ revelation of God **Logos:** the **Word** of God

What is the Bible?

Potential positions:

- 1. It is the Word of **God**
Inspired Word of God
2 Timothy 3:16: 2 Peter 1:20-21
- 2. It is the words of **man**
- 3. it is a combination of **both**
 - a. mixture of **truth** and **error**
 - b. **Romans 3:23**

"I am a creature of a day, passing through life as an arrow through the air. I am a spirit come from God and returning to God; just hovering over the great gulf, till a few moments hence I am no more seen. I drop into an unchangeable eternity! I want to know one thing, the way to heaven--how to land safe on that happy shore. God himself has condescended to teach the way: for this very end he came from heaven. He hath written it down in a book. O give me that book! At any price give me the Book of God! I have it. Here is knowledge enough for me. Let me be homo unius libri [a man of one book]." **John Wesley**

4. The admonition of the scribe

Romans 3:3-6; Isaiah 53:3; Romans 11:25-27

Not **believing** God's promise will never **nullify** God's promises.

"You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me! **40** Yet you refuse to come to me to receive this life. **John 5:39-40**

The Bible is of no value unless we "**read** it, **believe** it, **apply** it, then **share** it."

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