

The Faulty Logic of a Culturally Religious Person Romans 3:1-8

MESSAGE NOTES Error #1: God accepts me because of my religion. (Romans 2:25-27) Truth #1: God by His Spirit must give new life. (Romans 3:28-29) Error #2: God's disposition toward me is no advantage. (Romans 3:1) Truth #2: God in His goodness entrusts me with the Scriptures. (Romans 3:2) Error #3: God needs my faithfulness to do His work. (Romans 3:3) Truth #3: God in His faithfulness keeps His word. (Romans 3:4) Error #4: God is logically unrighteous. (Romans 3:5,7-8)

Truth #4: God in His righteousness judges the world. (Romans 3:6,8)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The Jewish people believed their rituals and special heritage made them acceptable to God. What might this similar belief look like in our society? How about in other belief systems? How about in your own life? What is the truth, found in Romans 2:29, that counters this error? Share how this truth has freed and changed your life.

Before Christ, the Jewish people were entrusted with the Word of God and were to pass it on to the next generation so they might trust in God too (Psalm 78:4-7). Now the Church is entrusted with this responsibility. How would you evaluate how well the modern day church is doing this area? How are we failing? How are we doing well in this area? How should we improve? In what ways can you be more faithful to pass on this Treasure?

God faithfully keeps His Word. What are some promises God gives in the Scriptures that illustrate this truth? As you reflect on some of those promises, how is the truth that God faithfully keeps His Word an encouragement to you?