

WHEN IN ROMANS: THE GREATNESS OF GOD

SPEAKER: PASTOR ANDREW BULLARD

TEXT: ROMANS 3:1-22

1. God is \_\_\_\_\_ in spite of us

ROMANS 3:1-4: THEN WHAT’S THE ADVANTAGE OF BEING A JEW? IS THERE ANY VALUE IN THE CEREMONY OF CIRCUMCISION? YES, THERE ARE GREAT BENEFITS! FIRST OF ALL, THE JEWS WERE ENTRUSTED WITH THE WHOLE REVELATION OF GOD. TRUE, SOME OF THEM WERE UNFAITHFUL; BUT JUST BECAUSE THEY WERE UNFAITHFUL, DOES THAT MEAN GOD WILL BE UNFAITHFUL? OF COURSE NOT! EVEN IF EVERYONE ELSE IS A LIAR, GOD IS TRUE.

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2. God is \_\_\_\_\_ in spite of us

ROMANS 3:5-8: “BUT,” 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?” (THIS IS MERELY A HUMAN POINT OF VIEW.) OF COURSE NOT! IF GOD WERE NOT ENTIRELY FAIR, HOW WOULD HE BE QUALIFIED TO JUDGE THE WORLD? 7 “BUT,” SOMEONE MIGHT STILL ARGUE, “HOW CAN GOD CONDEMN ME AS A SINNER IF MY DISHONESTY HIGHLIGHTS HIS TRUTHFULNESS AND BRINGS HIM MORE GLORY?” AND SOME PEOPLE EVEN SLANDER US BY CLAIMING THAT WE SAY, “THE MORE WE SIN, THE BETTER IT IS!” THOSE WHO SAY SUCH THINGS DESERVE TO BE CONDEMNED.



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3. God is \_\_\_\_\_ than we could imagine

**ROMANS 3:20-22:** FOR NO ONE CAN EVER BE MADE RIGHT WITH **GOD** BY DOING WHAT THE LAW COMMANDS. **T**HE LAW SIMPLY SHOWS US HOW SINFUL WE ARE. **B**UT NOW **GOD** HAS SHOWN US A WAY TO BE MADE RIGHT WITH HIM WITHOUT KEEPING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAW, AS WAS PROMISED IN THE WRITINGS OF **M**OSES AND THE PROPHETS LONG AGO. **W**E ARE MADE RIGHT WITH **GOD** BY PLACING OUR FAITH IN **J**ESUS **C**HRIST. **A**ND THIS IS TRUE FOR EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES, NO MATTER WHO WE ARE.

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