

Romans #046

“Could God be Unfair?”

Romans 3:4-5

A lot of the discipline that God brings into people’s lives is simply allowing the natural consequences of their sinful decisions to play out.

Believers who are growing are not truth suppressers, but those who are rejecting God’s revelation are truth suppressers.

The God who is faithful to His promises is also faithful to His threats!

The strong negative in *Romans 3:4* indicates that God’s integrity or faithfulness does not depend on the righteousness of man or the goodness of man or anything else that man can produce.

People tend to over-emphasize their importance to God, when they should be over-emphasizing God’s importance to them!

God never becomes anything;

God always is but He does become something to us and so we must change our thinking about Him as we learn His truth.

God has the monopoly on integrity and we have none under the principle of total depravity.

Man’s understanding of God starts out as total ignorance because he’s spiritually dead.

It’s not that the legalist speaks lies, it’s that he lives a lie.

The issue is: either God’s integrity is the source of salvation or God is a liar.

Even though everyone who rejects Christ declares God to be a liar, the integrity of God continues, regardless of the blasphemy.

God has always been righteous and just and He always will be;

He cannot change.

The focal point is that God is true, perfectly righteous and He is going to maintain His righteousness against man who is not.

As in the case with all legitimate authority however, creatures will tend to judge the Judge.

Now the integrity of God can vindicate believers as they adjust to Him in salvation, recovery and maturity.

Since God is infinite, eternal, invisible and incomprehensible, it’s necessary for Him to reveal Himself to mankind through biblical truth.

God’s righteousness is His absolute standard and because He is righteous, He must condemn unrighteousness.

Man’s unrighteousness shows God’s righteous character and that demonstrates God’s right to be the Judge.

The integrity of God cannot accept our sinfulness or our self-righteousness.

God only justifies the work of God through grace.

Neither man’s self-righteousness nor unrighteousness can add anything to the integrity of God.

Since holiness demands holiness, integrity demands integrity, righteousness demands equivalent righteousness and justice demands justice, God must condemn all members of

the human race from His perfect integrity.

God in grace provides all that His integrity demands from man.

Man's unrighteousness does not glorify God but God's integrity condemns man's unrighteousness.

God can add to something to our integrity but we cannot add anything to God's integrity.

Imputed righteousness is where

God begins to share His integrity with us.

On the contrary, the function of divine justice in condemning the unbeliever confirms and strengthens the integrity of God.