## **SERMON NOTES**

Date: January 24, 2016

Title: I Object!

Text: Romans 3:1-8

**Big Idea:** Paul anticipates and answers Jewish objections to his argument that both Jews and Gentiles will be equally condemned for unrepentant sin apart from faith in Jesus Christ.

**First Objection**: "Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the value of circumcision?" (v. 1)

**First Answer:** "Much in every way. To begin with, the Jews were entrusted with the oracles of

God." (v. 2)

**Second Objection:** "What if some were unfaithful? Does their faithlessness nullify the faithfulness of

God?" (v. 3)

**Second Answer:** "By no means! Let God be true though every one were a liar, as it is written, 'That

you may be justified in your words, and prevail when you are judged." (v. 4)

**Third Objection:** "But if our unrighteousness serves to show the righteousness of God, what shall we

say? That God is unrighteous to inflict wrath on us? (I speak in a human way.)" (v.

5)

"But if through my lie God's truth abounds to his glory, why am I still being condemned as a sinner? And why not do evil that good may come?—as some

people slanderously charge us with saying" (vs. 7, 8a)

**Third Answer:** "By no means! For then how could God judge the world?" (v. 6)

"Their condemnation is just." (v. 8b)

## **TAKE IT HOME**

1.	Why might some people object to being deserving of God's condemnation and judgment just as a much as a notorious criminal or murderer? Explain why all people equally deserve God's condemnation?
2.	Having so much exposure to the Word of God is a tremendous blessing, but have you been a good steward of that blessing? Read James 1:22-25 and answer the following questions.
	• What is the danger of being a hearer of the word but not a doer?
	How does Paul illustrate the foolishness of being a hearer of the word only?
	• What is God's promise to the doer of the word?
3.	Have you in any way doubted God's faithfulness recently? Think of three ways God has shown you his faithfulness this past week? Why should you believe that God will never break his promises? (Cf. Num. 23:19; 2 Tim. 2:13)
4.	Describe the assurance you have in Christ even though you still sin? (Cf. Rom. 8:34; Heb. 7:25)
5.	If salvation is by grace alone, and if God's grace is seen more clearly against the backdrop of sin, why should we take our sin seriously? Why not sin so that grace may abound?