

Paul's Diatribe with Imagined Interlocutor
Romans

3:1-4	¹ Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the value of circumcision? ² Much in every way.		³ What if some were unfaithful? Does their faithlessness nullify the faithfulness of God?	⁴ By no means!	Let God be true though every one were a liar
3:5-6	⁵ But if our unrighteousness serves to show the righteousness of God,	what shall we say?	That God is unrighteous to inflict wrath on us?	⁶ By no means!	For then how could God judge the world?
3:7-8	⁷ But if through my lie God's truth abounds to his glory,		why am I still being condemned as a sinner? ⁸ And why not do evil that good may come?		
3:28-31	²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.		³¹ Do we then overthrow the law by this faith?	By no means!	On the contrary, we uphold the law.
5:20—6:2	²⁰ Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more	¹ What shall we say then?	Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?	² By no means!	How can we who died to sin still live in it?
6:14-16	¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.	¹⁵ What then?	Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace?	By no means!	¹⁶ Do you not know ... you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin ... or of obedience?
7:5-8	⁵ For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death.	⁷ What then shall we say?	That the law is sin?	By no means!	Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin.
7:9-13	⁹ I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died ... ¹² So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.		¹³ Did that which is good, then, bring death to me?	By no means!	It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin

9:10-16	¹¹ though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad ... ¹² she was told, “The older will serve the younger.”	¹⁴ What shall we say then?	Is there injustice on God’s part?	By no means!	¹⁶ So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy.
9:18-21	¹⁸ So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills.	¹⁹ You will say to me then,	“Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?”		²⁰ But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? ... ²¹ Has the potter no right over the clay?
9:27-32	“Though the number of the sons of Israel be as the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them will be saved”	³⁰ What shall we say, then?	That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it ... ³¹ but that Israel who pursued a law ... did not succeed in reaching that law.		³² Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works.
10:21—11:1	²¹ But of Israel he says, “All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people.”	¹ I ask, then,	has God rejected his people?	By no means!	For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham
11:9-11	⁹ And David says, “Let their table become ... a stumbling block ... ¹⁰ let their eyes be darkened”	¹¹ So I ask,	did they stumble in order that they might fall?	By no means!	Rather, through their trespass salvation has come to the Gentiles