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LET GOD BE TRUE (though every man be false) Rom.3:4

This thought is in direct opposition with the prevailing opinion of mankind today.

Three thoughts: Faithfulness of God, v. 3.

v.5-Justice of God

God's righteousness (Key to Rom), v. 21,25,26

4:6,13,22

I. God is Faithful

A. God kept faith with his people
in Eden
with Noah
coming out of Egypt
Isaiah, Micah.

Jesus has kept His word.

God has kept faith with his church
Elijah's lesson applies today
God is Faithful in your testing.

B. What if some would not believe?

Does this mean religion is a failure?

Paul's indignant reply to this horrible inference.

C. But there are many who DO believe.

D. Scripture:

Deut. 7:9, Know therefore that the Lord thy God,
He is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant
and mercy with them that love him and keep his
commandments to a thousand generations.

I K. 8:56, "There hath not failed one word of all
his good promise.

Ps. 36:5, Thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.

111:90, Thy faithfulness is unto all generations.

I Cor 1:9, God is faithful, by whom ye were called.

Heb. 6:18, "two immutable things, in which it was
impossible for God to lie..."

10:23, He is faithful that promised,

I Pet 4:19, "A Faithful Creator"

E. We are to declare and proclaim His faithfulness,

Ps. 40:10

II. The JUSTICE of God

A. Greek word: 2 Eng. words
one refers to God as Judge

B. God is justified in His words.
Is God unjust to inflict wrath?

C. God's word on God as Judge,
Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?
God shall bring every work into judgment.
Who shall stand when he appeareth?
The Lord shall judge his people.
The great day of his wrath is come;
and who shall be able to stand?

D. Judicial decisions here are not always equitable.

1. Judge Gray, former Supreme Court Justice.

2. With righteousness shall he judge the world,
and the people with equity. Ps. 98:9

3. King Edward I, yardstick

4. I Pet. 1:17, without respect of persons.

E. Those who are saved have nothing to fear.

Ps. 19:9,10, The judgments of the Lord are...
sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

Hos. 6:5, Thy judgments are as the light.

F. We should be careful about judgments we pass on
our fellow men

1. Lt. Col. of N. Regt in Va. & 2 men carrying
a wounded comrade.

2. Prof. Blaikie

3. God knows all the facts.

III. The RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD.

A. Perfect and absolute righteousness.

B. He offers to share it with us.

Jer. 23:6, The Lord Our Righteousness

Dan. 9:7, O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee.

Ps. 25:8, Good and upright is the Lord

His word through Isaiah and Micah

C. Contrast to wickedness of men.

Malachi, Sun of Righteousness

D. Manifested

1. Apart from the law, not legal

2. Divine- not creature but Creator

3. Not of our doing or obedience

4. Witnessed to by law and prophets

5. By your believing and faith

6. Greater than that of Adam

E. How can we have this Righteousness?

1. Must be real and genuine

2. Gift of God, Grace

3. Not the sinner's own

4. Through faith, not works

5. Law demands perfect obedience

6. "unto all" - as the brazen serpent, cities of refuge

7. All have sinned - no difference - all need this righteousness. We must first lay aside all of our self-right, every self-excusing plea, and take the place of the guilty sinner before God.

Where is one who has never failed?

"God be merciful to me a sinner."

8. Dr. Harry A. Ironside's ill. with group of college girls.

9. "A sinful man am I, Therefore I come to Thee,

To Thee, the holy and the just, That Thou mayest pity me.

Wert Thou not righteous, Lord, I dare not come to Thee;

It is a righteous pardon, Lord, Alone that suiteth me.

Mercy and truth are His, Unchanging faithfulness;

The cross is all our boast and trust;

And Jesus is our peace."