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### Getting defensive

#### Some back ground info

**Gen 12:1-3 - *The LORD had said to Abram, ‘Leave your country, your people and your father’s household and go to the land I will show you. 2 “I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”***

**Bad thinking ... “God’s special people” were untouchable**

#### Romans so far

- 1) God is going to judge really bad people
- 2) God is going to judge the nice people.
- 3) God’s special people are also going to be judged by God.

**SO ...**

- 1) What advantage is there being part of God’s special people? (Rom 3:1)

... they have the very words of God.

**Deut 4:8, “What other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?”**

**How does this affect us?**

- We do not have a special exemption when we sin.
- rightly handle the word of truth (2 Tim 2:15)

- 2) When he judges ... is God being unfaithful to his promises? (Rom 3:3-4)

**“absolutely not”**

**Psalm 51:4**

**How does this affect us?**

- We do not like to think of God being our judge.
- Do you question the character and integrity of God.

- 3) When he judges us ... is God really being just? (Rom 3:5-8)

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**So where to from here...**

- 1) Does God have a right to punish you for your sin?
- 2) How would you respond to the person who says, “It is all right to sin because Jesus died for me”
- 3) Does God’s grace to you exempt you from having to worry about your sin?

**The coming weeks**

- the purpose of the OT law
- God’s wonderful solution to the problem