

- The idea being that of not believing in the "gospel of Christ" as contained in the "oracles of God."

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(Rom.3:3) "For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect?"  
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- (Negative Conjunction [m8] with the indicative in a rhetorical question which expects a negative response)

- "shall their unbelief"
- "make the faith of God" ([t8n pistis tou theou] = the faith of the God)

- Note that used rhetorically, as well as in its subjective sense, [pistis] means "faith" in its QUALITATIVE sense, that is, "FAITHFULNESS" or "FIDELITY" - it means "faithful" in the sense of the quality of CHARACTER of one who can be RELIED on.

- "Fidelity" = the careful and exact observance of duty, or performance of obligations; faithfulness.

- Obviously, "the faith of God" is not God's faith in anyone, nor is it anyone's personal faith in God. Rather, it is the issue of God's FAITHFULNESS. His faithfulness to His WORD and to do what He says He will do. We know this because of how the Apostle Paul responds to the question in verse 3 by saying in verse 4, "Yea, let God be true, but every man a liar."

- The idea is that God is true and faithful to His word; and the "FAITH OF GOD" is His faithfulness to do what He says He will do.

- Therefore, we begin to see where this next step or component to the unbeliever opposing himself and blaspheming is going to go: THEY WILL CHARGE THAT IF GOD IS GOING TO DO WITH THEM WHAT YOU SAY, IN FACT, WHAT PAUL SAYS IN ROMANS 1, THAT IS, THAT I AM AN OBJECT OF GOD'S WRATH AND HAVE MERITED CONDEMNATION AND DAMNATION, BUT I AM A JEW WITH NATURAL RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HOLINESS, THEN GOD, HIMSELF, MUST BE TOTALLY UNFAITHFUL IN RESPECT TO DO WITH US JEWS WHAT HE HAS SAID HE WILL DO.

- "without effect" (Fut. Act. Ind. [katargew] = to be idle, to render inactive, useless, ineffective; to make to cease, to make void, to do away with or put an end to)

- This again, is a complete cooperation with the Policy of Evil, especially in the field of the accusations of the Adversary concerning God's:

1) **Faithfulness**; 2) Ability; 3) Consistency; 4) Respector of Persons.

- Again, this is an attempt to present evidence against the FAITHFULNESS or FIDELITY of God's own character.

- It is interesting to note that FIDELITY is a private and personal concern, where if there is a breach of FIDELITY, it attaches DISGRACE to the individual!