

The Jews and the Law - Romans 2:17-29

Topics: Approval, Beliefs, Character, Consistency, Hypocrisy, Self-righteousness

Open It

1. What advertisements do you have trouble believing?
2. How would you judge the character of a person who wanted to date your only daughter?
- * 3. What are some “wrong” reasons a person might have for going to church?

Explore It

4. What special relationship did the Jews have with God? (2:17-18)
5. How did Jews describe themselves in relation to Gentiles? (2:19-20)
- * 6. Of what did Paul accuse the Jews? (2:21-24)
7. Why would the Gentiles blaspheme God’s name because of the Jews? (2:21-24)
8. What was the purpose of circumcision? (2:25-26)
9. What is more important to God than being physically circumcised? (2:26-27)
- * 10. How did Paul redefine what it means to be a Jew? (2:28-29)
11. What is more important than physical circumcision? (2:29)
- * 12. What is more important than knowing God’s written law? (2:29)
13. Whose approval does a true Jew seek? (2:29)

Get It

- * 14. How could a person be very religious and yet be lacking a real relationship with God?
15. What are the most important qualities of an effective teacher?
16. How do our actions show others what we genuinely believe?
17. How does hypocrisy in a religious person affect people who observe that person?
18. How could a person be outwardly a Christian and inwardly something else?
19. What is more important than keeping outward standards of Christian behavior?
- * 20. What makes a person a true Christian?
21. How much does peer pressure from friends and coworkers influence our beliefs and behavior as Christians?

Apply It

22. How can you begin to change some inconsistent behaviors and attitudes in your Christian life this week?
- * 23. In which of your present situations should you be more concerned about pleasing God than pleasing other people?