***15****They show that the requirements of the law are* ***written*** *on their hearts, their* ***consciences*** *also bearing witness, and their* ***thoughts*** *sometimes accusing them and at other times even defending them.)****16****This will take place on the day when God judges people’s secrets through Jesus Christ, as my gospel declares.* Romans 2:14-16

***17****Now you, if you* ***call yourself a Jew****; if you rely on the law and boast in God;*

***18****if you know his will and approve of what is superior because you are instructed by the law;****19****if you are convinced that you are a guide for the blind, a light for those who are in the dark,****20****an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of little children, because you have in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth—* Romans 2:17-20

***21****you, then, who* ***teach*** *others, do you not teach yourself? You who* ***preach*** *against stealing, do you steal?****22****You who say that people should not* ***commit adultery****, do you commit adultery? You who abhor* ***idols****, do you rob temples?*

***23****You who boast in the law, do you dishonor God by breaking the law?****24****As it is written: “****God’s name is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you****.”* Romans 2:21-24

### KEY: Hypocrisy Leads Outsiders To Dismiss Our Faith. Hypocrisy = Sin.

**Isaiah**: *“The Lord says, ‘These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is made up only of rules taught by men’”*  Isaiah 29:13 (Mt 15:7-9)

***25Circumcision*** *has* ***value*** *if you observe the law, but if you break the law, you have become as though you had not been circumcised...* ***27****The one who is not circumcised physically and yet obeys the law will condemn you who, even though you have thewritten code and circumcision, are a lawbreaker.* Romans 2:25-27

**KEY: Circumcision Without Obedience = Uncircumcision.**

***28****A person is not a Jew who is one only outwardly, nor is circumcision merely outward and physical.****29****No, a person is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code. Such a person’s praise is not from other people, but from God.*

Romans 2:28-29

 **“Clarity In Chaotic Times” -> Authentic Faith VS Religious Hypocrisy**

**Romans 2…** **6/26/22**

**CONTEXT:** Romans 1:28-31

* **Religious Hypocrisy: Do As I Say, Not As I Do…**

***You****, therefore,* ***have no excuse,****you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment* ***do the same things****.****2****Now we know that God’s judgment against those who* ***do such things*** *is based on truth.* ***3****So when you, a mere human being, pass judgment on them and yet* ***do the same things****, do you think you will* ***escape God’s judgment****?* Romans 2:1-3

* **God’s Kindness Leads To Repentance…**

***4****Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that* ***God’s kindness is intended to lead you to repentance****?*  Romans 2:4

* **The Stubborn Heart Will Be Judged…**

***5****But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God’s wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed.* ***6****God* ***“will repay each person according to what they have done.”******7****To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life.* Romans 2:5-7

***8****But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger.****9****There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile;* Romans 2:8-9

***10****but glory, honor and peace for everyone who does good: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.****11****For* ***God does not show favoritism****.* Romans 2:10

* **The Law Is Our Mirror: It Reveals Our Sin.**

***12****All who sin apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and all who sin under the law will be judged by the law.****13****For it is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God’s sight, but it is those who* ***obey the law*** *who will be declared righteous.* Romans 2:12-13

**KEY: Be “Doers” of The Word, Not Hearers.**

*Do not* ***merely listen*** *to the word, and so deceive yourselves.* ***Do what it says****.* James 1:22

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