

The Righteousness of God

Deep Changes

Context: A sorry picture of **hypocrisy**

Romans 2:17-24 (ESV)

¹⁷ But if you call yourself a Jew and rely on the law and boast in God ¹⁸ and know his will and approve what is excellent, because you are instructed from the law, ¹⁹ and if you are sure that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, ²⁰ an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of children, having in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth— ²¹ you then who teach others, do you not teach yourself? While you preach against stealing, do you steal? ²² You who say that one must not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? ²³ You who boast in the law dishonor God by breaking the law. ²⁴ For, as it is written, "The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you."

Hypocrisy looks like ...

*The essence of **all sin** is ...*

*The **effect** of hypocrisy on unbelievers: (v.24)*

'Circumcision' of the **heart**:

Romans 2:25-29 (ESV)

²⁵ For circumcision indeed is of value if you obey the law, but if you break the law, your circumcision becomes uncircumcision. ²⁶ So, if a man who is uncircumcised keeps the precepts of the law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision? ²⁷ Then he who is physically uncircumcised but keeps the law will condemn you who have the written code and circumcision but break the law.

²⁸ For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. ²⁹ But a Jew is one inwardly, and **circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit**, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God.

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- 1) Are _____,
not _____.

- 2) Affect the _____ and _____,
not just the _____.

- 3) Are _____,
not _____.

- 4) Go far beyond _____.

The evidence of salvation is living a life of transformation.

- Bill Hull, *The Complete Book of Discipleship*