

Romans - The Crown Jewel of Salvation

6 - False Assurance of Religion...am I ok?

Romans 2:17-29

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1. If you place your confidence in your heritage, you will be led astray.

Romans 2:17, “But if you call yourself a Jew...”

John 8:31-33, “So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’”

God is not concerned with your national identity for it earns you nothing. God is seeking those who will trace their identity back to their savior Jesus Christ.

2. If you place your confidence in your knowledge, you will be exposed as a hypocrite.

Romans 2:17-24, “But if you call yourself a Jew and **rely on the law** and **boast in God** and **know his will** and approve what is excellent, because you are instructed from the law; and if you are sure that you yourself are a **guide to the blind**, a light to those who are in darkness, an **instructor** of the foolish, a **teacher** of children, having in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth—you then who teach others, do you not teach yourself? While you preach against stealing, do you steal? You who say that one must not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? You who boast in the law dishonor God by breaking the law. For, as it is written, “The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you.”

If you trust in your knowledge of the bible or morality your inability to practice what you preach will condemn you. You cannot study your way into the grace and mercy of God.

3. If you place your confidence in your outward rituals or works, you will be lost and exhausted.

Romans 2:25-28, “For circumcision indeed is of value if you obey the law, but if you break the law, your circumcision becomes uncircumcision. So, if a man who is uncircumcised keeps the precepts of the law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision? Then he who is physically uncircumcised but keeps the law will condemn you who have the written code and circumcision but break the law. For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical.

No amount of church going, camp praying, small group attending can deal with the wrath of God that we all deserve.

4. Place your confidence in what God has done for you through his Son Jesus Christ. There is no other way to be saved.

Romans 2:29, “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.”

Philippians 3:4-9, “If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith.”