
Calvary Church: Coordinated Curriculum 2007-2008

Romans: The Transforming Power of the Righteousness of God

Mark Observations

Record Observations & Questions

Romans 2:17-29

- 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.”
- 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. (ESV)

Questions (Be sure to list the verse number for your answer to insure you are answering from this text.)



Think about it

Read the text several times. Notice the words repeated in 2:17-24 and those repeated in 2:25-29. What does it reveal about the focus of the passage?

What aspects of Judaism is Paul dealing with?

What benefits does Paul list of being a Jew?

What are the root sins Paul is challenging?



What do we learn
About God

What do you learn about God in this passage? Look carefully.



Act on it

Application or Personal Challenge:

What benefits do you have from being a Christian in the United States? How can these benefits become liabilities?

This Week (Practical Practice: What should I do?):

What aspect of your relationship with God do you need to focus on this week?



Talk about it

Who can you share your insights with?