

## 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)

#### Basic Outline

- Doctrine: Justification—The Righteousness of God Revealed 1:18–11:36
- Condemnation of Pagan (Unrighteous): The Panorama of Sin Described 1:18-32
- Condemnation of the Self-Righteous Moralists: God’s standard not theirs 2:1-16
- Condemnation against unfaithful Jew: Privileged 2:17–3:8**
- Hypocrisy: A focus on externals 2:17-24
- Trust in Ritual 2:25-29



Think about it

2:17-24

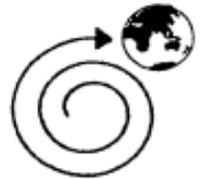
| Benefits of being a Jew 2:17-20 | Resulting liabilities 2:21-24 |
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Talk about it



What had God intended for Israel to be and do with the benefits He provided?



Key Point: *External possession of religious rights* is not enough to ensure a relationship with God—but it is enough to \_\_\_\_\_ .



Think about it

2:25-29

Circumcision was a sign of the covenant.

What God desired was not just external physical rites but inward \_\_\_\_\_

Key Point: *External practice of religious rites* is not enough to ensure a relationship with God. Internal change results in \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ .



What do we learn about God



Act on it

What benefits of being a Christian in the United States have become liabilities? What do we take for granted? How as our possession of these benefits hindered rather than helped the being honor to the name of the Lord?

The Challenge?