

# GOD'S JUDGMENT OF THE RELIGIOUS MAN ROMANS 2:17-29

Text:

Introduction:

## **1. CONFIDENCE OF THE RELIGIOUS MAN (VSS. 17-20)**

Romans 2:17-20

Behold, thou art called a Jew, and retest in the law, and makest thy boast of God, [18] And knowest his will, and approvest the things that are more excellent, being instructed out of the law; [19] And art confident that thou thyself art a guide of the blind, a light of them which are in darkness, [20] An instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, which hast the form of knowledge and of the truth in the law.

### A. Boast of the lineage (17a)

1. Lineage does not save.
2. Location does not save.

B. Boast of their law (17b)

1. Religious activity does not save.

C. Boast of their Lord (17c-18)

1. They felt being religious and active was all that was necessary to please God.

D. Boast of their leadership (19-20)

## **2. CONTAMINATION OF THE RELIGIOUS MAN (VSS. 21-22)**

Romans 2:21-22

Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal? [22] Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege?

A. Guilty of deception (21-22)

B. Guilty of desecration (23)

C. Guilty of destruction (24)

### **3. CONDEMNATION OF THE RELIGIOUS MAN (vs 25-29)**

Romans 2:25-29

For circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep the law: but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision. [26] Therefore if the uncircumcision keep the righteousness of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision? [27] And shall not uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfil the law, judge thee, who by the letter and circumcision dost transgress the law? [28] For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: [29] But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

- A. Condemned by the reality of his sin. (25)
  
- B. Condemned by the righteousness of the saint (26-29a)
  
- C. Condemned by the redemption of the Savior (29b)

Close:

There is a vast difference between a religious individual and a redeemed individual. That difference determines where an individual spends eternity.