

Misplaced Confidence

(Romans 2:17-3:8) - The Walk 2025-26

Encountering the Gospel's Power - John Stott

Theme:

God upholds his faithfulness and righteousness by condemning those who mistakenly trust in outward religious privilege rather than the inward work of the Holy Spirit on their hearts.

Purpose:

Paul writes to confront self-confident Jews who believe their religious identity and performance protects them from condemnation, by showing that what matters to God is a heart transformed by the Holy Spirit...

Aim:

...so that the reader will confront her own misplaced confidence, repent of trusting in anything besides the grace of God, and make progress in obeying the Lord with humility.

Shape:

- I. Misplaced Confidence in the Law (2:17-24)
- II. Misplaced Confidence in Circumcision (2:25-29)
- III. Jewish Objections to Paul's Teaching (3:1-8)