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“Jews – Guilty Before God – Part 2”

Romans 2:17-29

PURE POSSESSION OF THE LAW WITHOUT PRACTICING IT DOES NOT JUSTIFY BEFORE GOD.

- I. **External** claims of devotion to God without actions to back it up do more damage than good to God’s cause – vv. 17-24
 - A. Privileged position without **practice** is of no lasting value to God – vv. 17-18.
 - B. Having God’s word without **living** it out results in damage rather than benefit to His cause – vv. 19-24.

EXTERNAL CIRCUMCISION ALONE WITHOUT HEART CHANGE DOES NOT JUSTIFY BEFORE GOD.

- II. It is the outcome of the **inward** change that glorifies God and is appreciated by Him – vv. 25-29.
 - A. Outward **signs** are only as good as the heart attitudes to back them up – v. 25.
 - B. Likewise, internal devotion **compensates** for the external markings and is superior in God’s sight – vv. 26-29.

BIG IDEA:

Genuine **change** comes from the **inside** and affects **all** of one’s actions and relationships.