

Paul's Letter to the Romans: Pursuing Righteousness from God
"When Religion Isn't Enough"

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Romans 2:28-29

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- A. Is there a difference between being "_____" and "_____"?
B. None of us here today want to fall into the category of _____, and yet the more _____ we claim to be the easier it is to end up there.
C. Book by Fritz Ridenour, "How to be a _____ Without Being _____."
D. In the early chapters of Romans, Paul labors to show the universal _____ of all mankind.
E. The important issue that Paul needed to address in this section is how could the Gentiles and Jews be both equally subject to God's _____, when the Jews have a special place before God as the possessors of the law and _____.
F. In a series of "_____" clauses, Paul enumerated the privileges of the _____.
1. Their _____. 2. Their _____. 3. Their _____.
G. Who ends up receiving the most discredit when religious people are hypocritical? Answer: _____.
H. Circumcision denigrated into a symbol of Jewish _____ and into a guaranteed ticket to _____.
I. To combat this false understanding, Paul made two points:
1. Circumcision is useful only if accompanied by a _____ life.
2. It is better to be uncircumcised and truly _____ God than to be circumcised and _____ God's law.
J. To be a "real Jew" is an _____ matter that is marked by a circumcision of the _____ and a connection to the _____.
K. Lesson 1: There is a difference between "anti-_____" and "anti-_____."
1. Christians do not hate _____ people even if we are convinced that their _____ does not provide for their _____.
L. Lesson 2: There is a difference between "_____" religion and "_____" religion.
1. It is the difference between the outward and _____; ritual and _____; profession and _____.
M. Test for Religious Self-Deception:
1. Am I _____ in others what I myself do?
2. Am I claiming special _____ without accepting personal _____?
3. Am I going through the _____, but my _____ is not really in it?

Answer Key: A. Religious, righteous. B. hypocrite, religious. C. Christian, Religious. D. guilt. E. wrath, circumcision. F. If, Jews. F.1. Name. F.2. Book. F.3. Role. G. God. H. superiority, heaven. I.1. changed. I.2. obey, break. J. inward, heart, Spirit. K. Semitism, Judaism. K.1. Jewish, religion, salvation. L. true, false. L.1. inward, relationship, transformation. M.1. condemning. M.2. privileges, responsibility. M.3. motions, heart.