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- 2) But you are a hypocrite (21-23)
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19 and are confident that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness,

20 a corrector of the foolish, a teacher of the immature, having in the Law the embodiment of knowledge and of the truth,

21 you, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that one shall not steal, do you steal?

22 You who say that one should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples?

23 You who boast in the Law, through your breaking the Law, do you dishonor God?

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THIS IS WHAT THEY WERE  
SUPPOSED TO BE!



Isaiah 42:6 "I am the LORD, I have called You in righteousness, I will also hold You by the hand and watch over You, And I will appoint You as a covenant to the people, As a light to the nations,"

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# CALLED TO BE HOLY

“Thus you are to be holy to Me, for I the LORD am holy; and I have set you apart from the peoples to be Mine.”

(Lev. 20:26)



# JEREMIAH 7:1–12

“The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, “Stand in the gate of the LORD’S house and proclaim there this word and say, ‘Hear the word of the LORD, all you of Judah, who enter by these gates to worship the LORD!’ ” Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel,



“Amend your ways and your deeds, and I will let you dwell in this place. “Do not trust in deceptive words, saying, ‘This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD.’ “For if you truly amend your ways and your deeds, if you truly practice justice between a man and his neighbor, if you do not oppress the alien, the orphan, or the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place, nor walk after other gods to your own ruin, then I will let you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers forever and ever. “Behold, you are trusting in deceptive words to no avail. “Will you steal, murder, and commit adultery and swear falsely, and offer sacrifices to Baal and walk after other gods that you have not known, then come and stand before Me in this house, which is called by My name, and say, ‘We are delivered!’—that you may do all these abominations? “Has this house, which is called by My name, become a den of robbers in your sight? Behold, I, even I, have seen it,” declares the LORD. “But go now to My place which was in Shiloh, where I made My name dwell at the first, and see what I did to it because of the wickedness of My people Israel.”

# THE HYPOCRISY

Ps 50:16-20 “But to the wicked God says, “What right have you to tell of My statutes and to take My covenant in your mouth? “For you hate discipline, and you cast My words behind you. “When you see a thief, you are pleased with him, and you associate with adulterers. “You let your mouth loose in evil and your tongue frames deceit. “You sit and speak against your brother; You slander your own mother’s son.”

Micah 3:11 “Her [Israel’s] leaders pronounce judgment for a bribe, Her priests instruct for a price and her prophets divine for money. Yet they lean on the LORD saying, “Is not the LORD in our midst? Calamity will not come upon us.”



# THE HYPOCRITE

- They had high talk and low walk
- Right Orthodoxy (doctrine) but no Orthopraxy (right practice).
- Their claims did not match their conduct



## APPLICATION

If it was SO detestable for the Jew in the eyes of God to be a hypocrite—how much MORE is it odorous to the nostrils of God for the Christian?

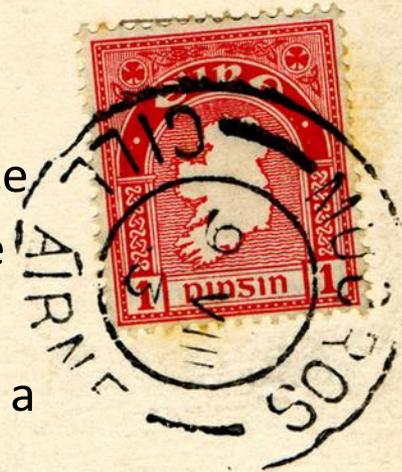


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But if you bear the name “Christian” and rely upon the Grace of God and boast in God, and know His will and approve the things that are essential, being instructed out of the Bible, and are confident that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, a corrector of the foolish,

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You who boast in Jesus Christ as your Savior, you who say you love the Bible, through your disobedience to Him and to the Bible, do YOU dishonor God?



## ISAIAH 29:13

“This people draw near with their words and honor Me with their lip service, but they remove their hearts far from Me, and their reverence for Me consists of tradition learned *by rote*.”



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## BE HOLY

“But like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior.”

1 Peter 1:15



## JEREMIAH 1:10

“See, I have appointed you this day over the nations and over the kingdoms, To pluck up and to break down, To destroy and to overthrow, To build and to plant.”



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# FOR THE CHRISTIAN THE EXHORTATION IS THREEFOLD



1. You have been given a great grace and truth by God. Do not grow prideful. You too have been blessed. More, even than those who walked under the Mosaic Covenant.
2. Don't be a hypocrite, practice what you preach.
3. Do the hard work, as Paul does here, and bring the great but difficult truths of the bible to the people of the world. The world needs to hear them. Especially in our day.