



Sunday Sermon Discussion Outline

Pastor Philip Thomas, August 1, 2021

Romans 2:17-29 – Sin, Righteousness & Judgment - Part 3

We Learn:

In this passage, Paul makes three charges against the believers in Rome:

1. You think that keeping the law makes you righteous
2. In keeping the outer observances of the law without paying attention to the inner requirements of the heart that the law points to, you have ended up as hypocrites, people who don't practice what they preach
3. You need a circumcision of the heart by the power of the Holy Spirit

These charges remain relevant for us today. We are encouraged to practice what we preach, to keep the law by keeping our circumcised hearts right before God.

- In light of Romans 2:13, what does it mean that keeping the law does not make us righteous?
- What happens when we rely on *our* ability to keep the law?
- How does trying to keep the law without keeping the heart right lead to self-righteousness, deception, and hypocrisy?
- How does Galatians 6:3 apply to self-righteousness and deception? What is the danger if we are deceived into thinking that we are not doing anything wrong?
- Why do we behave hypocritically with others? Why do we not do the good that we know to do?
- What does the circumcision of the heart mean?

We Respond & Apply:

- How can we commit to practice what we preach?
- Are there areas in your life where you don't practice what you preach? How can it change?
- What does keeping your circumcised heart right before God look like?