



Based on the teaching from Sunday 6 July 2025, 'The Idolatry of Religion'

Sermon can be found on our website lwac.org.au, click on 'talks' top left of the page.

Text: **Romans 2:17-29**

Key Ideas from the Sermon:

- Jesus' parable of the prodigal son reminds us that there are two ways to rebel against God, like the younger brother we can make idols of pleasure and money, and like the older brother we can make an idol of what we think is our 'moral goodness'.
- The idolatry of religion manifests itself in three ways: Pride in religious affiliation v17-20, Hypocritical moralism v21-24 and Dead Orthodoxy v25-27
- Our only hope is the circumcision of our hearts by the Holy spirit - which means to receive Jesus Christ as Lord and become a child of God by the power of the holy Spirit.

• **Bible Study: The Swedish Method [Romans 2:17-29]**

1. Begin by praying, asking God to speak through His Word
2. Read the Bible passage aloud, being careful to read slowly
3. Go back over the passage (allow about 10 minutes of silence), being on the lookout for, and making notes on the following four things:



Light bulb: This should be something that 'shine' from the passage - whatever impacts most, or draws attention.

Notes:



Question mark: Anything that is difficult to understand in the text, or a question the reader might like to ask the writer of the passage, or the Lord.

Notes:



Jesus: What does this passage teach me about who Jesus is, what he has done for me and what it means for me to follow him in my life.

Notes:



Arrow: A personal application for your life.

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4. Discussion & Prayer