

Roman 2: 25-29

- Paul Ends this passage with the Introduction of another character - He.

- Paul spoke of the Heathen, Religious, the Jew, but now he begins to speak of someone else - He..

- He is not a Jew, But he is a Jew...

- A peculiar character, a Jew but not a Jew...

- Paul says he's a Jew

- Inwardly

- Of the heart

- In the Spirit

- Frame of God

Things unseen...

Now Faith is the substance of things hoped, the evidence of things unseen...

- Paul is once again bringing us to where it matters...

- What's going on under the hood - so to speak.

- 1:11 spiritual gift - not a Christmas gift...

- 1:17 Righteousness revealed by faith → realm of the unseen - The just shall live by faith & not by sight.

- 1:19 Wrath of God revealed in them...

- 1:20 The invisible things of this world are clearly seen...

- 2: God shall judge the secrets of men...

- They want done only by anybody actually knows about...

- Maybe you haven't been caught...

- Makes no difference for God knows what nobody else knows...

- You may have some good works and good deeds...
- Outwardly you may be doing pretty good...
- But God, in the day of judgement, will deal not with our deeds and works, but he will deal with the person that does deeds the soul that has works...
- That person is not the flesh & bones in which that person resides...
- I want to take this a step further... That person is not the thoughts you think or the memories you remember... but he is the one that thinks & remembers...
- God, in the day of judgement, will not judge the flesh & bones that commit works & deeds, or will he judge the UPTURN' Billion thoughts & memories of man...
- Underneath the flesh & bones, the thoughts and imaginations of man... hidden, and in secret, is the soul of man.
- And HE is what God will judge.
- Paul is once again, turning our attention to where it really matters; the inner man.

Paul is declaring that the UNCIRCUMCISION
(the Gentiles)

(- Quick lesson on circ. + uncirc.)

- Where the circumcisers have failed, the uncircumcised have succeeded.

- I wonder where Paul got this from. Who did Paul know or meet where he said and said, "You know, this fellow is not a Jew, but he is a Jew inwardly."

- I don't think that Paul is speaking about someone he's never met... "We speak that we know + testify that we've seen."

- Who was it that Paul realized there's more to this book than what the cover reveals?

- This person is not a Jew. He has not the outward appearance of one. His hair is not like ours. His clothes are not like ours. He doesn't go to the tabernacle like we do. He doesn't do the feast + sacrifices like we do... ~~But~~

He does everything wrong, but there's something different about him... There's something different inside... Out of this person flows mercy + truth. Out of this person flows the Love of God.

Proverbs 3:3 Let not mercy & truth forsake thee; bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart.

- If it's not mercy in the inside, then it's judgment and criticism inside.

- If it's not truth in the inward parts, then it's lie, deception, & deceit.

(1516) [There's something different about this Gentile, I've got ^{it} but he's got something I don't.]

- How is it that a Gentile can keep the right commandments of the Law?

- Have you read the Law? Without participation in the Jewish tradition you can't. You need the tabernacle, you need priests, you need animal sacrifices.

(1517) - How is it that a Gentile can fulfill the Law?

Matthew 5:17 "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets; I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled."

- How can a Gentile keep the righteousness of the Law? How can he fulfill every jot + tittle of the Law?

On a hill far away, stood an Old Ragged Cross
A symbol of suffering and shame,

~~How can I~~

And I Love that old cross where the dearest one best
For a world of Lost sinners was slain...

In that old ragged cross, stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see,

For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered + died,
To Pardon + sanctify me...

How? My hope is built of nothing less
That Jesus' blood + righteousness.

I do not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean
on Jesus name.

How? Not the labours of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
These for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone!
In my hands no price I bring
Simply to Thy cross I cling.

Paul is saying that you Can fulfill the Law.
You can keep the righteousness of the Law,
But can be a perfect Jew, but the work
must be done from the inside out...

Last week: The Jews had the Law, the
Tabernacle, the Land, the Prophets, the Kings,
the Promises, the Passover, the Feasts,
the Sabbaths... All these things and their
Circumcision is made Uncircumcision in the
breaking of the Law... Circ → uncirc...

- The implications:

As if you had no Law, no tabernacle,
When you break the Law, you erase all that
God has given you, You might as well not be
a Jew. You lose the sign of Israel. Your

(FF) circ → uncirc...

- They had ~~the~~ God-given religion & still mess it up...
Then, what makes us think our religion is ~~going~~
is not going to fail...

If we want to keep the righteousness of the
Law and fulfill the Law of God...

- It's going, not going to be outward
- It will be inward...

- What are you talking about Preeder?

- It's going to take more than 123 repent after Me

- It's going to take more than a baptismal cert,

- It's going to take more than a standard → ex.

- It's going to take more than a Baptist doctrine.

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- going to church

- part of the Lord's supper

- Borkequeer + Fellowship.

- All that is outward...

- All that has its place + can be good, but

all of it is a sorry substitute for circumcision of the heart...

* Isaiah said, "Oh that thou wouldst rend
the heavens, that thou wouldst come down,
that mountains might flow down at thy
presence."

But Paul said, "..... my heart.....
..... the tears....."

Reed vs 28-29

(John 3:6-8)

Reed vs 28 / Jh 3:6a

Reed vs 29 / Jh 3:6b

- Read Jn 3: 7-8

- Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things unseen.

- In this thing of salvation, of being born again - we're in the realm of the unseen. When someone gets saved, something happens here in the heart and in the spirit.

- I think sometimes we forget. I'm guilty of -
- Tho. Jesus said he'd give us a Counselor
- He would put his holy spirit in us...
- And as supernatural + getting saved is, how God can touch inner man and do a work inside of us, when we got saved, we don't take advantage that he still can work powerfully inside of us... We try to live this Christian life in the flesh... We saw the unseen. We put our faith + trust in Jesus as the Spirit made all that possible... but we don't continue on in the Spirit...

Phillipians 1:6.

- We want the flesh to put on a performance.
and don't let the Spirit do what he put inside
of you to do...

Paul asked the Galatians, ^(3:3) "Are ye so foolish?
having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made
perfect by flesh?"

Paul wants us. → Believe w/ HS
Quench not the HS
Walk in the HS

(Gal 5:17) The Flesh woteth against the Spirit,
and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are
contrary the one to the other: so that ye
cannot do the things that ye would...

But he is a Jew, which in one INNERLY and circumcision
is that OF THE HEART, IN THE SPIRIT and not
in the letters, whose praise is not of men, but OF GOD

If we could just concentrate on the praise of God
and not of men...

If we could concentrate on pleasing God and making
God happy, life would be more fulfilling.
What does it take to earn the praise of God.

- Psalm 51. The sacrifices of God are a
broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God,
you will not despise...

The things of God are NOT like the things of the world

- The way up is down

- If you want to be the greatest, be the least.

- If you want to live for God & do a work for God...
You start with something that is **BROKEN**
And you keep it **BROKEN**.

How? I don't know...

God can help you. God can melt a heart of
stone. "Hath (Rom 9:21) not the potter
power over the clay, of the same lump to make
one vessel unto honour, and another unto
dishonour?"

A broken heart + a contrite spirit / Circumcision is
that of the heart + in the spirit

That's what God wants to see. God desires not
other gift but that... that is all he wants...

That is what God can use...

Anything ELSE WILL NOT DO.