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1:16-17

I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek; for in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “the righteous shall live by faith.”

# Previously:

- Romans 1:18-32

Unrighteous Man Judged

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## Unrighteous Man Judged

21 For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

# Last week:

- Romans 2:1-16  
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## Moralist Judged

5 But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, 6 who WILL RENDER TO EACH PERSON ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS

# Romans 2:17-29

THE RELIGIONIST JUDGED

17 But if you bear the  
name “Jew” ...

Romans 2:17a

...if you bear the  
name



17 But if you bear the name “Jew” and rely upon the Law and boast in God,

18 and know His will and approve the things that are essential, being instructed out of the Law,

## Romans 2:17-18

### Four Claims

- Rely
- Boast
- Know
- Approve

Based on Law's instruction

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,

Romans 2:19-20

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Romans 2:19-20

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Romans 2:21a

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?

Romans 2:21-22

Has knowing the Law kept you sinless?

23 You who boast in the  
Law, through your  
breaking the Law, do you  
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Romans 2:23

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

Romans 2:23

You, religionist, dishonor God

They, Gentiles, did not honor Him

24 For “the Name of  
God is blasphemed among  
the Gentiles because of  
you,” just as it is written.

Romans 2:24



25 For indeed  
circumcision is of value if  
you practice the Law;  
but if you are a  
transgressor of the Law,  
your circumcision has  
become uncircumcision.

Romans 2:25

Circumcision =

Sign of the  
covenant

26 So if the  
uncircumcised man keeps  
the requirements of the  
Law,  
will not his uncircumcision  
be regarded as  
circumcision?

Romans 2:26

Entering God's  
covenant family

27 And he who is  
physically uncircumcised,  
if he keeps the Law, will he  
not judge you who though  
having the letter of the  
Law and circumcision are  
a transgressor of the Law?

Romans 2:27

28 For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh.

29 But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that which is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter; and his praise is not from men, but from God.

Romans 2:28-29

Outside vs.

Inside

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Romans 2:28-29

you who are called...

# Romans 2:17-29

OUR HEARTS JUDGED

