

# Why Religion Can't Save You

*A little religion can damn you - Romans 2:17-29*

## ***Introduction:***

### ***Review:***

The **rebellious** person

The **respectable** person

The **religious** person

#1-***Do you know anyone caught up in religion?***

#2-***Has your faith drifted from internal intimacy to external routine?***

#3-***Could you be one of the fake external religionists?***

#1. They depend on a \_\_\_\_\_. v 17

#2. They rely upon \_\_\_\_\_ and regulations.

*Gal. 3:24 the law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ*

*Jn 5:39-40 You **search** the **Scriptures**, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is these that bear witness of Me, and you are **unwilling** to come to Me, that you may have **life***

#3. They think they have special \_\_\_\_\_ with God.

#4. They claim to have a \_\_\_\_\_ to God. v18

#5. They maintain a high \_\_\_\_\_ standard.

*Phil 1:10 so that you may approve the things that are excellent*

#6. They have a \_\_\_\_\_ attitude toward others. Verses 19-20.

***“Evangelism is just one beggar telling another beggar where to get bread.”***

#7. They don't seek to \_\_\_\_\_ what they preach. Verses 21-23

*Isaiah 29:13 they honor Me with their lips but their hearts are far from Me.*

- What's the \_\_\_\_\_ of all religion? v24

24 For 'the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you,' just as it is written. {Isaiah 52:5}

### **3 keys for believers to remember**

#1. God did not call you to make people \_\_\_\_\_ .

#2. Never expect an unbeliever to \_\_\_\_\_ like a believer until he is one.

#3. Don't defend religion, just \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus

***“Religion is a curse, not a cure”***

#8. They rely on a \_\_\_\_\_. Verses 25-29

- **Ritual** without \_\_\_\_\_ is worthless.

*Philippians 3:4 although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more: 5 circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless. 7 But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish in order that I may gain Christ, 9 and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith.*

## **Conclusion:**

*Galatians 3:29 And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.*

- Turn from your **religion** today & enjoy a \_\_\_\_\_
- Stop being **external** and pursue the \_\_\_\_\_
- Stop the religion of the **head** alone and follow Jesus from your \_\_\_\_\_

*It all comes down to where your heart is...*

- #1- Ask God to give you wisdom in how to **share** Jesus with your religious friend this month.
- #2- Has your Faith drifted from **internal** intimacy to an **external routine**?
- #3- Are you one of the fake external religionists?