

THE RELIGIOUS MAN CONDEMNED BEFORE GOD

(Romans 2:17-24)

I. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD REVEALED: MAN'S SIN AND GOD'S CONDEMNATION (1:18-3:20)

A. The IMMORAL Man Condemned before God (1:18-32)

B. The MORAL Man Condemned before God (2:1-16)

C. The RELIGIOUS Man Condemned before God (2:17-29)

1. The CLAIMS of the Religious Jew (2:17-20)

- a. Your average Jew firmly believed that simply because he was "Jewish" he would be _____ from the _____ of God. (v. 17a, cf. Exod. 19:5-6)

- b. They were privileged in receiving the Law at Mt. Sinai, but they ended up _____ in their _____ of God. (v. 17b)

- c. The Jews assumed that they _____ the _____ of God, but as a result, they were _____ of their discernment. (v. 18)

- d. In their _____-_____, the Jews would see themselves as guides for the blind Gentiles, but then, Jesus called the religious Jews " _____ " (vv. 19-20, cf. Matt. 15:14; 23:15, 24-26)

2. The CHARGES against the Religious Jew (2:21-24)

- a. After stating the case, the apostle now begins his intense interrogation by _____ the _____ and punching holes in their grand façade.

- b. Much like the Jew, for most of us, our _____ truth is much better than our _____ truth. (v. 21a)
- c. Paul cited several of the 10 Commandments, demonstrating that in _____, word or deed, the Jews _____ the very Law that they relied on and taught to others. (vv. 21b-22)

* What did Jesus teach in His Sermon on the Mount? (Matt. 5:20-22, 27-28, 31-32, 43-44)

* How would the Jew be guilty of robbing temples? (v. 22b)

- d. By all of their _____ about how spiritual they were, their arrogance and disobedience were ultimately _____ the Lord. (v. 23)
- e. Because of their blatant hypocrisy in _____ one thing and _____ the complete opposite, the Gentiles noticed, and actually blasphemed the Lord Jehovah. (v. 24)

* Can Christians today be walking “billboards” of hypocrisy, dishonoring the Lord?

* What can you personally apply in your own life from this passage?