

**The Necessary Gospel, Part 3**  
**The Weight and Purpose of God's Law**  
**Romans 2:17-29**

- I. The Burden of Perfection (17-23)
  - A. A call to the ethnically Jewish
  - B. Purpose
  - C. Consistency or hypocrisy?
  - D. The dishonor of God, rather than the magnification of His name
- II. Failing At God's Purpose For His People (24-27)
  - A. Name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles
  - B. The outward sign of the covenant is nullified by the inward and outward realities of sin
  - C. Roles are reversed based on the action of life
- III. The Law of God and The Need of Humanity (28-29)
  - A. What truly makes someone "part of the people of God?"
  - B. The people of God are marked by an inward transformation of the Spirit, not by outward signs nor the letter of the Law
  - C. The Law of God was never meant to make any person moral, upright, or just before God
  - D. The Law of God is designed with one key distinct purpose – to show that humanity is deeply flawed and broken – and that what is needed is not self-help or external acts of righteousness, but rather – the inward awakening and transformation of the divine grace of God