

“Religious Condemned” **Romans 2:17-29**

I. SELF-CONFIDENT: "the name 'Jew'" (vv.17-24)

A. Direction: "instructed out of the Law" (vv.17-20)

1. Special: "bear...rely...boast...know...approve" (vv.17-18)
2. Skilled: "guide...light...corrector...teacher" (vv.19-20)

B. Deviation: "breaking the Law" (vv.21-24)

1. Shameful: "do you dishonor God?" (vv.21-23)
2. Slanderous: "name of God is blasphemed" (v.24)

II. SELF-SERVING: "circumcision" (vv.25-29)

A. Division: "if he keeps the Law" (vv.25-27)

1. Severance: "circumcision is of value, if..." (v.25)
2. Sentence: "uncircumcised...will...judge you" (vv.26-27)

B. Distinction: "circumcision...flesh/Spirit" (vv.28-29)

1. Physical: "he is not a Jew...outwardly (flesh)" (v.28)
2. Spiritual: "he is a Jew...inwardly (Spirit)" (v.29)

*Next week: **Read Romans 3:1-8***