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Messed Up Religion
Romans 2:17-29

When have you ever experienced messed up religion?

Messed Up Religion:

I. Makes you confident in _____, not God.

Rom. 2:17-24 *But if you bear the name "Jew" and rely upon the Law and boast in God, ¹⁸and know His will and approve the things that are essential, being instructed out of the Law, ¹⁹and are confident that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, ²⁰a corrector of the foolish, a teacher of the immature, having in the Law the embodiment of knowledge and of the truth, ²¹you, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that one shall not steal, do you steal? ²²You who say that one should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? ²³You who boast in the Law, through your breaking the Law, do you dishonor God? ²⁴For "THE NAME OF GOD IS BLASPHEMED AMONG THE GENTILES BECAUSE OF YOU," just as it is written.*

A. Confident in your _____.

B. Confident in your religious _____.

C. Confident in your _____.

II. Focus _____ rather than _____.

Rom. 2:25-29 *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. ²⁶So if the uncircumcised man keeps the requirements of the Law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision? ²⁷And 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? ²⁸For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh. ²⁹But 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.*

Point:



Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. What am I confident in? My abilities? My past performance? My position or stature in society? My gifts? Or God's grace that declares me right?
2. What difference would it make in my life if I found my confidence in life in God's grace and not my own abilities?
3. How do I find myself living for what other people think? What would it look like to live to please God and not people?

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