

Pastor Todd Schlechty February 4, 2018 Messed Up Religion Romans 2:17-29

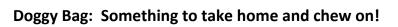
When have you ever experienced messed up religion?

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 ¹⁸ and know His will and approve the things that are essential, being of the Law, ¹⁹ and are confident that you yourself are a guide to the those who are in darkness, ²⁰ a corrector of the foolish, a teacher of having in the Law the embodiment of knowledge and of the truth, ²¹ therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who one shall not steal, do you steal? ²² You who say that one should not adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you roll ²³ You who boast in the Law, through your breaking the Law, do you ²⁴ For "THE NAME OF GOD IS BLASPHEMED AMONG THE GENTILES E YOU," just as it is written.	instructed out blind, a light to the immature, you, preach that t commit t temples? dishonor God?
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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. ²⁹ But 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:





- 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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