

**Believe**  
**Romans 2:17-20 ESV**  
**Religion or relationship**

*But if you call yourself a Jew and rely on the law and boast in God 18 and know his will and approve what is excellent, because you are instructed from the law; 19 and if you are sure that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, 20 an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of children, having in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth--*

What's the difference?

Are we pursuing something...or is God pursuing us?

Defining Characteristics of a Religious person:

1. They lean in on labels - vs. 17a
2. They love rules and regulations - vs. 17b
3. They are certain they have special status with God - vs. 17c
4. They claim to have a direct line of communication with God - vs. 18a
5. They promote a very detailed moral standard - vs. 18b
6. They have a condescending attitude towards others - vs. 19-20