

Believe
Romans 2:21-29 ESV
Religion Can't Save Anyone

You then who teach others, do you not teach yourself? While you preach against stealing, do you steal? 22 You who say that one must not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? 23 You who boast in the law dishonor God by breaking the law. 24 For, as it is written, "The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you." 25 For circumcision indeed is of value if you obey the law, but if you break the law, your circumcision becomes uncircumcision. 26 So, if a man who is uncircumcised keeps the precepts of the law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision? 27 Then he who is physically uncircumcised but keeps the law will condemn you who have the written code and circumcision but break the law. 28 For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. 29 But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God.

Paul's 5 questions for the religious people:

1. What have you taught yourself?
2. Do you steal?
3. Do you commit adultery?
4. Do you rob temples?
5. Do you dishonor God?

With our way of living...do we point people towards God...or away from God?

Paul's 4 principles of religious rituals.

1. Ritual with Reality is of value
2. Ritual without Reality is of no value
3. Reality without Ritual is sufficient
4. The person with Reality and no Ritual will condemn the person with Ritual and no Reality

Paul's definition of a true Jew