

## ***“Knowledge and Ritual”***

Series: Romans

Romans 2:17-3:8

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JUSTIFICATION ISN'T FOUND IN TRUSTING THE LAW OR RITUALS, BUT THROUGH WHOLEHEARTED FAITH.

1) TRUSTING IN KNOWLEDGE WITHOUT HEART (2:17-24)

2) TRUSTING IN HEARTLESS RITUAL (2:25-3:8)

*READ AHEAD FOR NEXT WEEK: ROMANS 3:9-31*

## **Discussion Questions**

- 1) How long have you been a Christian and what percent of the Bible would you say you know?
- 2) According to verses 17-20, what are some good things the law can show us?
- 3) Describe the kind of person described in verses 21-23.
- 4) What is the result of such behavior, according to verse 24?
- 5) How does this relate to the way Christians are viewed in the world today?
- 6) Read Genesis 17:1-14. What is circumcision a sign of?
- 7) What is the role of faithfulness in a covenant with God?
- 8) What does Paul say makes a person a Jew, if not circumcision and the law?
- 9) What is the value of circumcision without faithfulness?
- 10) Compare the Old Covenant symbol of Circumcision and the New Covenant symbol of Baptism.
- 11) What is God's ultimate grounds for His just judgment? His justification?
- 12) If you stood before the Throne of God today, why would you say He should let you into His eternal life?
- 13) How can we pray for you this week?