



# ROMANS

Being a Christian instead  
of being Religious

## 5. Religion fails to provide acceptance with God

Romans 2:17-3:8

1. In what ways can people be hindered by their religious heritage?
  
- A. Christianity isn't about what you know**
2. What problem does Paul highlight in v21-22
  
3. How can we make sure that we aren't just gathering knowledge? How can we help each other in this?
  
4. What problem does Paul highlight in v23-24? Why is this serious?
  
5. How does this problem show itself today?
  
6. The Jews had lost sight of the fact that they were to live for God's honour. What impact should this truth have on our lives?
  
7. How can we maintain and develop this truth that we are always living for God's honour?



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8. What responsibility do we have for each other in this? What responsibility does the church have? In what sort of situations does this apply? (v24)
  
- B. Christianity isn't about external signs of belonging**
9. What external signs of belonging do we have today? (think outside the obvious two)
  
10. How do we make sure that we don't come to depend on the external indicators?
  
11. What lessons about culture do we learn from Paul here? How does this apply to us as we seek to reach out in Letterkenny?
  
- C. Invest your privileges 3:1-8**
12. What benefits are there to having a Christian background? What benefits are there to not having one? What responsibilities does it bring?
  
13. Paul anticipates an objection (v7-8)—“If our goodness isn't enough, stopping sinning doesn't matter. In fact the more we sin the more we will see God's mercy!” How would you answer? What do we need to do to better appreciate God's mercy?