

This week small group
textbook: last week sermon

Romans Session 6: A True Jew

Romans 2:17-29

In today's Scripture Paul warns against Jews who have a sense of entitlement and are soaked in the commandments and circumcision. He explains the true character of a Jew and the genuine meaning of circumcision. For the Jews, the law is the evidence, and circumcision is the external token of the promised people of God. The people of Israel had religious form without practice. In light of the text, we hope to discover who and how to live as a true believer.

1. What are the Jews, who have been given the law of God, boasting about? (vv. 17-20). The grace of God given to the Jews is a privilege to be His children. In v.17 Paul says, "if you call yourself a Jew." In other words, "if you call yourself a believer," what are some of the privileges in vv.17-20 that you need to work on?
2. Paul criticizes those who have received the law but have not kept it (vv.21-22). What does "breaking the law" mean? (verse 23). What is the consequence of those who have the form of the law but do not practice it? (vv. 23-24). If we were to place our religious form and our practical life on a scale, how would it weigh? How can I apply the Word of God to myself first, before I judge others?
3. What does it mean to be a Jew inwardly, in comparison to one outwardly? (vv.28-29). What kind of person is circumcised in the heart, and not in the flesh? Am I circumcised in the heart? What do I need to live as a true believer who pleases God?
4. Today's Scripture is given to "the Jews" who go to church diligently. In other words, it is for us. We have depth in our knowledge of the Bible and years of serving the church. However, why is our love and faith growing weaker in our lives? Let us pray for each other so that we may continue to grow in joy as we fix our eyes on the Lord.

Emphasized during the Sunday sermon

- The world is the place to show the invisible God.
If our faith is not visible through our life
How can we witness our faith in the invisible God?
- Baptism does not save us. Attending church does not save us.
The saved are those who have receiving Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior and live faithfully to Him.