



Beware of Hypocrisy

ROMANS 2:12-29

I. Hypocrisy begins when the head, heart and hands get _____ . (vv. 12-16)

For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. ... on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus. vv. 13, 16

○ Beware of the information you know outgrowing the _____ you show.

II. Hypocrisy grows when our words don't align with our _____ . (vv. 17-24)

You who boast in the law dishonor God by breaking the law. For, as it is written, "The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you." vv. 23-24

○ Beware of your walk with Jesus _____ anything but Jesus.

III. Hypocrisy sets in when we rely on human rituals rather than a _____ relationship. (vv. 25-29)

For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. 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. vv. 28-29

○ Beware of seeking assurance from what you do rather than what _____ has done.

"For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7b

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ROAD TO REDEMPTION

DEVOTIONAL STUDY

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal His truth and wisdom as you go through this lesson.

1. Read Romans 2:12-29. What thoughts from the sermon particularly stood out to you, and why?

2. One responsibility of being a Christian is to live out what we know from the Word of God. Why is it so important for us to understand that concept? What happens when we ignore this particular responsibility?

3. Share a time when you applied information from the Scriptures to your life and it caused a transformation in you. What did acting on the Word do for your faith in God, and how did it bring you closer to Him?

4. How would you say your inner heart compares with your outward expression of faith? If there is a disconnect between the two, what is causing that disparity, and what can you do about it?

5. What would it look like if the outward expression of your faith and your inner heart were perfectly aligned with the Word of God? Give some examples from your own life experiences.

6. During the coming week, ask the Holy Spirit to continue to reveal truth to you, and look for ways to put into practice what you studied.

"The Christian landscape is strewn with the wreckage of derelict, half-built towers—the ruins of those who began to build and were unable to finish. For thousands of people still ignore Christ's warning and undertake to follow Him without first pausing to reflect on the cost of doing so. The result is the great scandal of Christendom today, so-called 'nominal Christianity.' In countries to which Christian civilization has spread, large numbers of people have covered themselves with a decent, but thin, veneer of Christianity. They have allowed themselves to become somewhat involved, enough to be respectable but not enough to be uncomfortable. Their religion is a great, soft cushion. It protects them from the hard unpleasantness of life, while changing its place and shape to suit their convenience. No wonder the cynics speak of hypocrites in the church and dismiss religion as escapism ... The message of Jesus was very different. He never lowered His standards or modified his conditions to make His call more readily acceptable. He asked his first disciples, and He has asked every disciple since, to give Him their thoughtful and total commitment. Nothing less than this will do."

JOHN STOTT

"Hypocrites in the Church? Yes, and in the lodge and at the home. Don't hunt through the Church for a hypocrite. Go home and look in the mirror. Hypocrites? Yes. See that you make the number one less."

BILLY SUNDAY

"Be careful that you don't become a hypocrite by spending all your time trying to get others right with God before you worship Him yourself."

OSWALD CHAMBERS

A WONDERFUL OFFER

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Realize that you are sinful and separated from God. (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
 2. Recognize that the penalty for your sin is death—eternal separation from God and all that is good. (Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
 3. Understand that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and that He rose again. (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
 4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior. (Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)
- "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16 NASB) You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:
- "Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in Him alone as the only way to get right with You. Thank You for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen."*

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

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