



Week Five | Sunday, January 31, 2010

“A False Sense of Security”
Romans 2:1-29

1. What are some of the indications that someone may be placing their trust in religion?
2. Why do you think this kind of trust in religion tends to lead people to feeling moral superiority and expressing spiritual stubbornness?
3. Reading Romans 2:4-5, why does God’s kindness, his grace, lead us to repentance instead of superiority and stubbornness?
4. Romans 2:6-11 tells us that God judges everyone according to their works. Is that good news or bad news for you?
5. According to Romans 2:12-13 hearing the “law” (Mosaic law) is not good enough and obedience is absolutely necessary. The problem is even religious people don’t obey. Take a look at Romans 2:17-27 and see how that is true. How do you see that this is true in your life? How are we hypocritical and inconsistent?
6. One of the exciting truths in Romans 2:12-16 is the truth that everyone, religious or not, has God’s moral law written on their hearts. Do you believe this is true, why or why not? How does this truth help you in sharing your faith with others?
7. Romans 3:20 tells us that no one will be declared righteous in God’s sight by observing the law. Why is this the case?
8. So, even the religious person is without excuse. What is the solution? Take a look at Romans 2:28-29 and Romans 3:21ff.
9. Someone has said that good works do not produce faith in Jesus Christ but that faith in Jesus Christ produces good works. Do you believe this to be true? What does that mean for when we are judged by God for our works?