



# ROMANS

## Forming Faith by Favor & Freedom

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*Romans 2:17 – 3:8*

**Session Focus:**

**The trouble and challenges of faith formed by knowledge  
and faith revealed through actions.**

Faith that pleases God requires righteous activity

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- **Condemnation of the happy hypocrite**

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- What is the relationship between circumcision and faith?

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## **Condemnation of the Happy Hypocrite (2:17-24)**

What does God require of the elect?

- Do what you know to be just (2:17-23)
  - Refuse personal acclaim/notoriety/privilege. *Seek God's glory.*
  - Reject confidence in your will to do right. *Trust the Spirit's light.*
- Return to the purpose of your election/salvation (2:24)
  - Represent the One who appointed you for purpose. *Honor God.*

## **Circumcision and Ideal Identification (2:25-29)**

*What is the relationship between circumcision and faith?*

- Circumcision according to the Law (2:25-27)
  - A physical state based on one's actions.
  - An outward symbol.
  - Profitable for Jews who keep the law.
- Circumcision according to the Spirit (2:28-29)
  - A spiritual state based on one's heart.
  - An inward sign.
  - Possible for all who believe.

## **Confirmation of the Just Judge (3:1-8)**

*What do we learn about God through God's judgment of sin?*

- The Judge's original intent (3:1-4)

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  - The elect keep God's word.
  - The elect overcome judgment.
- The Judge's consistent rule (3:5-8)

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  - Our sin neither diminishes nor improves God's character.
  - Our salvation is a result of God's character, not our sin.