Hypocrisy

Greg Kline · Romans 2:17–29

INTRODUCTION

- One, we answer to God ourselves. Two, it doesn't follow in any other track of life. And three, of course, anywhere that there are people, there will be hypocrites.
- But I want to check, am I living a hypocritical life?

1 The Gospel Is the Power of God to Salvation

Romans 1:1–5; Romans 1:16–17; Romans 3:23

- For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God to salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
- And Paul says, here it is, the gospel is for all.
- For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

2 The Gentiles Should Have Known Better

Romans 1:18–20; Romans 1:21–25; Romans 1:26–32

- From that we should be able to recognize God's eternal power and divine nature.
- The Gentiles, albeit not having the law of Moses, had a system they were expected to follow.
- Because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the creator.
- For although they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks to Him.

3 You, the Judge, Practice the Very Same Things

Romans 2:1–4; 2 Peter 3; Romans 2:11

- Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another, you condemn yourself.
- Because you, the judge, practice the very same things.
- But what does Paul do with their outstretched fingers? Turns them back.
- The Jews were being very hypocritical.

4 You Who Boast in the Law Dishonor God

Romans 2:17–24; Romans 2:28–29

- The law was more of a possession than a life guide to being with God forever.
- You then who teach others, do you not teach yourself?
- You who boast in the law, dishonor God by breaking the law.
- For as it is written, the name of God is blaspheme among the Gentiles because of you.
- But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter.

5 Do We Practice What We Preach?

1 Corinthians 1:31; Matthew 23:1–4; Matthew 23:23

- We need to know the law. But we can't be hypocritical about it.
- But if we know, it doesn't do a lot of good if we don't keep it.
- So do and observe whatever they tell you, but not the works they do. For they preach, but do not practice.
- God does not care about being worshipped right in this building if we leave and don't show love, mercy, or faithfulness.

6 Are We Glorifying the Name of God?

Matthew 5:16; Romans 2:25–27; Psalm 1:1–2

- The question is, do my actions convey that the rest of my days?
- Let your light so shine before others. So that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.
- If you break the law, your circumcision becomes uncircumcision.
- We tell everyone, I'm a Christian, and then we live like the rest of the world. Those are incompatible views.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **God expects us to not only seek the good news, but to love it, to cherish his law, and to live it in every way imaginable.**

MY NOTES