

**THE BOOK OF ROMANS**  
**Part 5 of 36 Why "RELIGION" Can't Save You**  
**Romans 2:17-29**

In the first three chapters of Romans Paul identifies three different types of people who need forgiveness and saving:

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ person.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ person.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ person.

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**SEVEN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE RELIGIOUS PERSON**

**#1. They depend on a \_\_\_\_\_.**

*v17: If you call yourself a Jew;*

**#2. They rely on \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.**

*You rely on the law...*

**#3. They think that they have special \_\_\_\_\_ with God.**

*You call yourself a Jew, you rely on the law, and brag about your relationship to God.*

**#4. They claim to have a \_\_\_\_\_ to God.**

*if you know His will*

**#5. They maintain a high \_\_\_\_\_ standard.**

*...you approve of what is superior because you're instructed by the law.*

*v19: If you are convinced that you are a guide for the blind and a light for those who are in the dark and an instructor of the foolish and a teacher of infants because you have in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth... you who teach others do you not teach yourself.*

**#6. They have a \_\_\_\_\_ toward others.**

*v. 21 You who teach others, do you not teach yourself? And you who preach against stealing, do you steal? You who say that people should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? And you who brag about the law, do you dishonor God by breaking the law?*

One of my real desires as your pastor is to teach people how to be Christians without being \_\_\_\_\_.

**#7. They rely on \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Verse 25 ff Circumcision has value if you observe the law but if you break the law you have become as if you have not been circumcised. If those who are not circumcised keep the law's requirement will they not be regarded as those who were circumcised? And the one who was not circumcised physically yet obeys the law will condemn you who even though you have the written code and circumcision are a lawbreaker. A man is not a Jew if he is only one outwardly nor is circumcision merely outward and physical. A man is a Jew if he is one inwardly and circumcision is circumcision of the heart by the spirit not the written code. From such a man's praises is not from men but from God.*

What saves us is a \_\_\_\_\_ with God through the saving love and grace of Jesus the Christ.