



WHEN RIGHT IS WRONG

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NOTES:

I. WHAT IS OUR **ROLE**? (vs. 17-20)

1. Our **claims**
2. Our **witness**

II. THE SELF-RIGHTEOUS LIFE OF **HYPOCRISY** (vs. 21-24)

1. What are our **motivations**?
Matthew 19:16-22
2. God's **law** reveals your **position** in life.
Romans 4:20

III. HOW DO WE **LIVE-OUT** TRUE FAITH? (vs. 25-29)

1. **Inward** transformation
Romans 1:16-17; Romans 3:20, 28; 1 Corinthians 7:19
2. Does the **outward** view match the **inward** you?
Deuteronomy 30:6, Matthew 22:34-40, Jeremiah 31:33, Ezekiel 11:19-20, Ezekiel 36:27, 2 Corinthians 3:6, 2 Corinthians 5:17

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:

REVIEW:

1. Last week Pastor Bob talked about the importance of being a "doer" of the law. How did we "do"? Can you cite any specific examples where you followed God's law?

THIS WEEK'S SERMON:

1. This week, Pastor Jeff spent time developing the relationship between what we say we believe and what our actions show we believe (Romans 2: 17-24). What are the symptoms or results if these two are not in alignment?
2. Do you see yourself as a guide, a light, an instructor or as a teacher? What do the following passages say about these roles?
 - John 12:35-36
 - Matthew 5:13-16
 - 2 Timothy 2:1-2

3. "You then who teach others, do you not teach yourselves" (Rom. 2:21 a) reveals the heart behind the age-old saying that we ought to "practice what you preach" If you were to score yourself based upon how your walk matches your talk, how would you measure up?
4. Perhaps the largest criticism of the Christians today centers on hypocrisy. Discuss how we hear this criticism voiced today. Is it rightly deserved?
5. Gandhi is famously quoted as saying "I like your Christ. I do not like your Christians. They are so unlike your Christ." Where do you see the greatest disconnects for Christians being unlike Christ today?
6. How can we constructively engage someone who is turned off by the hypocrisy of Christians?
7. Pastor Jeff said a major issue is when "the outside view doesn't match the inside you." Why is more attention often paid to the "outside view" rather than the "inside you"?
8. The outward sign of circumcision was given to the Jews as a reflection of the inward faith in God's promises. Review these passages and how they all relate to the importance of the inward condition of one's heart.
 - Deuteronomy 10:16-22; 30:6
 - Jeremiah 31:33; 32:39-40
 - Acts 7:51
9. This week, how can you cultivate your heart so that it impacts what others see and then say about Christ?