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## You Call Yourself a Jew? Romans 2:17-24

### I. Boasts that Every Jew Could Make (vv. 17-18)

- A. They were God's \_\_\_\_\_ people—the Jews! (v. 17a)  
[Deut. 7:6; Ex. 19:50]
- B. They \_\_\_\_\_ on the Law of God (v. 17b)  
[Ex. 19:16-20; Matt. 23:2-4]
- C. They could \_\_\_\_\_ about their relationship to God (v. 17c)  
[Jn. 8:13, 18-19]
- D. They knew God's \_\_\_\_\_ revealed in the Old Testament (v. 18a)  
[Rom. 2:13; Lk. 18:21]
- E. They were able to \_\_\_\_\_ of what is superior (v. 18b)  
[Matt. 23:23; Mk. 7:11-13]
- F. They were \_\_\_\_\_ from their youth (v. 18c)  
[Deut. 6:4-9]

### II. Behaviors that Most Jews Could Perform (vv. 19-20)

- A. They were a \_\_\_\_\_ to the blind (v. 19a)  
[Jn. 11:37; Lk. 14:13, 21; 2 Kgs. 6:19; Matt. 12:22; Jn. 9:1, 7, 39-41; Matt. 15:14]
- B. They were a \_\_\_\_\_ to those in darkness (v. 19b)  
[Isa. 42:6; Matt. 5:14-16; Jn. 8:44]

- C. They were \_\_\_\_\_ of the foolish (v. 20a)  
[Matt. 23:17]
- D. They were \_\_\_\_\_ to the children (v. 20b)  
[Jms. 3:1; 1 Tim. 6:3-4]
- E. They were the \_\_\_\_\_ of knowledge and the truth (v. 20c)  
[2 Tim. 3:5; Lk. 18:9-14]

### III. Bad Hypocrisies that Many Jews were Guilty of (vv. 21-24)

- A. They \_\_\_\_\_ others, but did not teach themselves (v. 21a)  
[Matt. 23:3-4]
- B. They preached against \_\_\_\_\_, and yet stole (v. 21b)  
[Mal. 3:8; Matt. 15:3-9]
- C. They preached against \_\_\_\_\_, but committed adultery (v. 22a)  
[Psa. 50:16-18]
- D. They abhorred \_\_\_\_\_, but robbed temples (v. 22b)  
[Matt. 23:13-15; Deut. 7:25]
- E. They \_\_\_\_\_ in the Law, yet dishonored God by breaking it (v. 23)  
[Mk. 7:9-13; Mal. 1:6]
- F. They \_\_\_\_\_ God's name among the Gentiles (v. 24)  
[Isa. 52:6; Ezek. 36:17-20; 2 Pet. 2:2]

#### TAKE HOME:

- What do you tend to \_\_\_\_\_ in more—Christ or your credentials?
- Is it possible that you \_\_\_\_\_ of yourself as a great witness, but you're just not?
- Have you ever \_\_\_\_\_ God's name among the Gentiles?

## **STUDY QUESTIONS**

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at [placeritachurch.com](http://placeritachurch.com).

1. Read Romans 2:17. What kind of boasts were the Jews making about themselves? Why would they boast in the Law? What about their relationship with God were they boasting in? How can we be tempted to do the same things? (Deut. 7:6; Ex. 19:5; Ex. 19:16-20; Matt. 23:2-4; Jn. 8:13, 18-19)

2. Read Romans 2:18. What three things from this verse are the Jews boasting in? Which one of those have you struggled with the most? How do you go about making sure that you are not boasting in anything but Christ? (Rom. 2:13; Lk. 18:21; Matt. 23:23; Mk. 7:11-13; Deut. 6:4-9)

3. Read Romans 2:19. In what ways were the Jews seeking to be a guide? In what ways were they seeking to be a light? Where they doing this successfully? What were they missing? (Jn. 11:37; Lk. 14:13, 21; 2 Kgs. 6:19; Matt. 12:22; Jn. 9:1, 7, 39-41; Matt. 15:14; Isa. 42:6; Matt. 5:14-16; Jn. 8:44)

4. Read Romans 2:20. In what ways were the Jews seeking to be instructors, teachers, and the embodiment of the law? How were they failing at this? Who is the ultimate one to do all these things? (Matt. 23:17; Jms. 3:1; 1 Tim. 6:3-4; 2 Tim. 3:5; Lk. 18:9-14)

5. Read Romans 2:21-22. How were the Jews contradicting themselves? Do you think that they knew that they were doing this? What are some ways that you are contradicting yourself? How can you grow in this area? (Matt. 23:3-4; Mal. 3:8; Matt. 15:3-9; Psa. 50:16-18; Matt. 23:13-15; Deut. 7:25)

6. Read Romans 2:23-24. Are there areas where you boast in God’s law and yet you are breaking it? (Mk. 7:9-13; Mal. 1:6) Has God’s name ever been blasphemed because of you? How can you keep that from happening? (Isa. 52:6; Ezek. 36:17-20; 2 Pet. 2:2)

7. Read the take home questions. Which one challenges you or encourages you the most? Why? How will you live differently this week based on what you learned from this passage?

“There is no doubt many Jews felt they were immune from God’s judgment. God would never send a Jew to hell, they thought. The Gentiles, on the other hand, were fuel for the flames of hell. Paul must now destroy this pretension by showing that under certain circumstances Gentiles may be closer to God than Jews.”

- William MacDonald, *Believer’s Bible Commentary*