

WHAT WE BELIEVE AND HOW WE BEHAVE—6

“The Book That Changed The World”

“Is the whole world lost?”

“What Religion Does to the Jew (You, too!)”

Romans 2:17-24

Introduction: _____

I. **FIRST, NOTICE THE SPIRITUAL _____
OF THE RELIGIOUS JEW (Romans 2:17-20).**

There are five reasons why faithful Jews felt eternally safe:

- A. First, because of their _____ (2:17a). *“Behold, thou art called a **Jew** . . .”*
- B. Secondly, because they boasted of their _____ (2:17b) *“. . . and retest in the law . . .”*
- C. Thirdly, because of their _____ (2:17c) *“. . . and makest thy boast in God.”*
- D. Fourthly, because of what they had _____ (2:18) *“And knowest his will, and approves the things that are more excellent, being instructed out of the law.”*

Note what their learning contained:

1. First, it included their special _____ (2:18a) *“And knowest his will . . .”*
2. Secondly, it involved their keen _____ (2:18b) *“. . . and approvest the things that are excellent . . .”*
3. Thirdly, it incorporated their biblical _____ (2:18c) *“. . . being instructed out of the law.”*

- E. Fifthly, because of their _____ (2:19-20).

CONCLUSION: Note some things possible from this passage:

1. It is possible for religious exercises to touch the _____ and _____ of a person without reaching the _____ and the _____.
2. It is possible to be moved _____ by religion without being spiritually _____ by the Redeemer.
3. It is possible to be _____, but not _____.

II. **SECONDLY, NOTE THE SPIRITUAL _____
OF THE RELIGIOUS JEW
(Romans 2:21-24).**

- A. First they were guilty of _____ (2:21-22).
- B. Secondly, they were guilty of _____ (2:23).
- C. Thirdly, they were guilty of _____ (2:24).

III. **THIRDLY, CONSIDER THE
SPIRITUAL _____ OF THESE
RELIGIOUS JEWS (Romans 2:25-29).**

- A. First, he shows the _____ value of rituals (2:25-27).

WHY are rituals limited?

1. First, notice how the value of a divine authorized ritual is directly related to the _____ God has given (2:25).
 2. Secondly, note how the value of a divine authorized ritual is also related to the _____ a person has (2:26-27).
- B. Secondly, he shares the _____ value of reality (2:29).