

Romans 2:5-24
“Don’t Be Shattered, Surrender”

~ INTRO ~

THE BIG PICTURE...

- In (Rom 1- 3) is the **doctrine of judgment** against sinful man.
 - Paul placed all humanity as guilty before a Holy God!

(Rom. 3:23) “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...”

IDEA #1 – ARE YOU SERIOUS?

The *moral man* makes **two-mistakes**:

- 1) He mis-understands **Gods standard** (perfection).
- 2) He mis-understands the depth of **his own sin** (hypocrisy).

WE CLOSED LAST WEEK...

- In (Gen. 4:6-7) with God talking to Cain.
 - Let’s see how the story ends (Gen. 4:8-13) NKJV.

CAIN DID WHAT HE WANTED IN HIS LIFE.

- He disregarded the acceptable way God established...
 - And complained when the consequences arrived.
- 1) He worship in self-will.
 - 2) He was angry with God when it didn’t go well.
 - 3) He refused to acknowledge his sin.
 - 4) His anger turned into murder.
 - 5) He lied to God about what he did.
 - 6) He ended up wandering thru life.

BACK IN ROMANS... THE **MORAL MAN**...

- Wants the good things of God without God.
 - He **wants the blessings** of God...
 - Health / security / & material gain.

BUT... he **doesn’t want** God!

- No relationship / No surrender / No sacrifice.

IDEA #2 – A RIGHT UNDERSTANDING

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(v.17)...

- The topic switches to the religious-man.

THIS IS... KEY!!!

- Paul addresses the religious man... on the condition of his religion.
 - He’s exposing hypocrisy.

(v.17) If you’re claiming the name of God...

- If you’re relying on His word...
 - If you’re boasting about knowing Him.

(v.18)

- If you know what He wants... because you’ve been taught!

(vv.19-20)

- If you’re confident that you’re:
 - A guide to the blind
 - A light to those in darkness
 - An instructor of the foolish
 - A teacher of babes

If all this is true...

- (v.21) then why are you living like a hypocrite!?!?

IDEA #3 – SURRENDER

CHRISTIAN... THE WAY YOU LIVE MATTERS.

HERE’S PAUL’S POINT:

- Why don’t you apply what you know?
 - If you know these truths, why aren’t you living them out?

WE CAN’T AVOID THE IMPACT OF GOD’S WORD...

- By dodging what He says – that’s not surrender.

Four Specific Challenges with religious people:

(v.21b) Theft

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(v.22a) Adultery

(v.22b) Sacrilege – mis-using the sacred (Matt 21:13) *den of thieves*

(v.23) Dishonoring God

HOW DO WE GET HEALTHY?

(2-Cor. 13:5) NLT

- Examine [Greek = *Pie – rod – zo*]
 - Determine the quality of your faith (sick or healthy).
- Test [Greek = *Da – key – mod – zo*]
 - Scrutinize to see if faith is genuine.

(James 1:22) NLT

AT (v.21) “You preach that man should not steal, [but] do you steal?”

God equates “not contributing financially”

- As walking away from Him
 - (Mal. 3:7-8) NKJV.
- That’s a **serious spiritual health problem**.

THIS IS NOT A MONEY MESSAGE...

- It’s a self-examination... to determine spiritual health.

(Ps. 139:23-24) NKJV

- Search = The idea is... examine to expose the root.

~ IN CLOSING ~

(Ps. 51:10) NKJV