

## The Book of Romans 2:25-29

### Key Phrases

- ✓ *If you keep the law:* If you walk in \_\_\_\_\_ to God.
- ✓ *If you are a breaker of the law:* If you have no \_\_\_\_\_ to walk in obedience to God.
- ✓ *Uncircumcision be counted as circumcision:* The ceremonial act does not supersede the \_\_\_\_\_ the ceremony represents.
- ✓ *Physical circumcision:* Paul is highlighting the difference between \_\_\_\_\_ circumcision and \_\_\_\_\_ circumcision.
- ✓ *Not a Jew who is one outwardly:* You can do a lot of things \_\_\_\_\_ to make people think that you are different \_\_\_\_\_, but the inward change is what really matters.
- ✓ *He is a Jew who is one inwardly:* A true child of God has a \_\_\_\_\_ separated from sin unto God.
- ✓ *Circumcision is that of the heart:* A ceremony or ordinance is a good thing, but it must be accompanied by a real commitment of \_\_\_\_\_.
- ✓ *Whose praise is not from men but from God:* A true Christian desires to receive \_\_\_\_\_, not praise from men.

### Discussion Questions

1. How do you see the issue that Paul is addressing with the church at Rome being a prevalent issue in the church today?
2. How do Paul's arguments against meaningless circumcisions apply to "fire insurance" that people try to get in the church today?
3. What is the danger in elevating outward ceremonies/ordinances over inward changes of the heart?
4. How have churches intentionally, or unintentionally, created an environment that encourages tradition over obedience?

5. If baptism is the first step of obedience in the life of a believer, then is it possible for baptism to ever be wrong?
  
6. What are takeaways that we can apply to our lives today?