



ROMANS

The Glory of The Gospel

Profession But No Possession

Romans 2:17-24

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I. Their Correct PROFESSION (v. 17-18)

- A. They had a correct **PEDIGREE** *“called a Jew”*
- B. They had correct **PRECEPTS** *“rest on the law”*
- C. They had correct **PIETY** *“make your boast in God”*
- D. They had correct **PRIVILEGES** *“know His will”*
- E. They had correct **PRIORITIES** *“approve things that are excellent”*

II. Their Confident PERCEPTION (v. 19-20)

A. The BOASTING of Their Confidence

1. They had a perceived superior INSIGHT (v.19a)
2. They had a perceived source of ILLUMINATION (v.19b)
3. They had a perceived self-conceited IMAGE (v.20a)
4. They had a perceived smug INTELLECTUALISM (v.20b)

B. The BASIS of their confidence: they had the form of knowledge and truth

III. Their Condemnable PROBLEM (v. 21-24)

A. They were proud teachers, but not humble LEARNERS (v. 21a)

B. They did not PRACTICE what they preached (v. 21b)

C. They SAID one thing, but did the other (v. 22a)

D. They were reverent in word but irreverent in DEED (v. 22b)

E. Their boast was in God's law that they themselves were BREAKING (v. 23)

F. They claimed to honor God's name, but actually caused God's name to be BLASPHEMED (v. 24)

Conclusion: Compare to the distressing declaration in Matt. 7:21-23.