

## *A Matter of the Heart*

Romans 2:12-29

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Emphasis: Biblical Christianity is much more than religious aestheticism; it is a matter of the heart.

### **Introductory Scripture:**

*For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God.*

*-Romans 2:28-29*

1. When our heart is being transformed by Jesus, our words will be supported by our actions

### **Quotes and References:**

*But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? 18 Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.*

*-1 John 3:17-18*

*For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts...*

-Romans 2:13-15

*But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.*

-James 1:22

*If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.*

-John 13:17

*For there are many who are insubordinate, empty talkers and  
deceivers ...*

-Titus 1:10

2. When our heart is being transformed by Jesus, our actions will be guided by holy intentions

### **Quotes and References:**

*I have made you a light for the Gentiles,  
that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.*

-Acts 13:47 (Isaiah 49:6)

*What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?*

*says the LORD;*

*I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams  
and the fat of well-fed beasts;*

*I do not delight in the blood of bulls,  
or of lambs, or of goats.*

*When you come to appear before me,  
who has required of you  
this trampling of my courts?  
Bring no more vain offerings;  
incense is an abomination to me.  
New moon and Sabbath and the calling of convocations—  
I cannot endure iniquity and solemn assembly.*

*-Isaiah 1:11-13*

*...Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? 4 While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God.*

*-Acts 5:3-4*

*Every way of a man is right in his own eyes,  
but the LORD weighs the heart.*

*-Proverbs 21:2*

*Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?  
And who shall stand in his holy place?  
He who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
who does not lift up his soul to what is false  
and does not swear deceitfully.  
He will receive blessing from the LORD  
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.  
Such is the generation of those who seek him,  
who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Selah*

*-Psalm 24:3-6*

3. When our heart is being transformed by Jesus, our intentions will be fueled by humility

**Quotes and References:**

*They that know God will be humble, and they that know themselves, cannot be proud.*

*-John Flavel*

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*-Romans 2:28-29*

*...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...*

*-Romans 3:23*

*I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.*

*-John 15:5*

*For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment...*

*-Romans 12:3*

*But I am a worm and not a man...*

*-Psalm 22:6*

*There is none holy like the LORD...*

*-1 Samuel 2:2*

**Conclusion and Application:**

What does your heart say about you?