

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 CONFIDENCE
OF THE RELIGIOUS JEW (Romans 2:17-20).**

There are five reasons why faithful Jews felt eternally safe:

- A. First, because of their lineage (2:17a). *“Behold, thou art called a Jew . . .”*
- B. Secondly, because they boasted of their Law (2:17b) *“. . . and restest in the law . . .”*
- C. Thirdly, because of their Lord (2:17c) *“. . . and makest thy boast in God.”*
- D. Fourthly, because of what they had learning (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 knowledge (2:18a) *“And knowest his will . . .”*
2. Secondly, it involved their keen insight (2:18b) *“. . . and approve the things that are excellent . . .”*
3. Thirdly, it incorporated their biblical education (2:18c) *“. . . being instructed out of the law.”*

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

CONCLUSION: Note some things possible from this passage:

1. It is possible for religious exercises to touch the mind and emotions of a person without reaching the will and the heart.
2. It is possible to be moved emotionally by religion without being spiritually awake by the Redeemer.
3. It is possible to be religious, but not redeemed.

**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).