

Romans: Righteousness Revealed

“Faith Inside & Out, Part 2”

Romans 2:25-3:8 (page 783)

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True faith is demonstrated INSIDE and OUT!

(vs 25-29; Gen 17; 1 Cor 7:18-19; James 2:10)

- Faith in Jesus must be PLAYED OUT both in our ACTIONS and our ATTITUDES.
- Paul makes the argument that circumcision has VALUE because of OBEDIENCE. (vs 25)
- Because it isn't the ACT of being circumcised but the FAITH in and OBEDIENCE to God that really matters. (vs 26)
- Obedience and faith TRUMP physical circumcision... which for the Jewish believer was POSITIONAL STATUS to God! (vs 27)
- You are a Christian if your ATTITUDE, FAITH and DESIRE is for God which is then REFLECTED by your outward actions. (vs 28-29)
- A RELATIONSHIP with Jesus demonstrated by FAITHFUL OBEDIENCE leads to the PRAISE of God. (vs 29)

4 distinct objections to Paul's teaching: (Romans 3:1-8)

Objection 1: Paul's teaching undermines

God's COVENANT. (vs 1-2; Psalm 119:11)

Objection 2: Paul's teaching nullifies

God's FAITHFULNESS.

(vs 3-4; Psalm 51:4; Malachi 3:6; James 1:17)

Objection 3: Paul's teaching calls into question

God's JUSTICE. (vs 5-6; Isaiah 61:8)

Objection 4: Paul's teaching falsely promotes

God's GLORY. (vs 7-8; Romans 6:1-2)

What needs to change in your approach to Jesus that will reveal true faith in Him?

