

**Sermon Study Guide**  
**A Revolution of Faith: part 3**  
***“Religion Won’t Save You”***

This week’s Scripture focus: **Romans 2**

1. What part of the text or message had the greatest impact on you? Where were you most encouraged, intrigued, or challenged?
2. On Sunday, Pastor Chris said that it’s possible that when the Jewish believers got Paul’s letter (especially after hearing the first part of the letter) they might have been sitting on the sidelines, applauding, saying things like, “That’s right! You tell’em Paul! Let those pagan Gentiles have it!” Explain how that’s possible. Do you ever do that during a sermon, “so and so really needs to hear this!”
3. Read Luke 18:9-14. What does it mean to be “self-righteous”?
4. Read Romans 2:1-4. What similarity, if any, is there between a 1st century, self-righteous Jewish believer and a self-righteous religious church member in 2022?
5. Read Luke 11:37-39. Why is it so easy to fall into the trap of focusing on outward appearances and not the heart? Explain the phrase, “faith in formaldehyde” that Pastor Chris used on Sunday.
6. Read Romans 2:25-27. What ritual were the Jewish believers depending on? What did the ritual represent? What rituals can people depend on today instead of faith in Christ?
7. Read Matthew 6:1-2. Is Jesus saying that serving and acts of kindness are bad? What is He saying?
8. Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-3. Why are rigid rules without love, worthless? What rigid rules have Christians been known to reduce our faith to?
9. Read Romans 2:28. How do people today put their hope in their “heritage” and not in Christ?
10. Read Philippians 3:7-10. According to Paul, how do rituals and rules and heritage compare to knowing Jesus? What does it mean to truly “know” Jesus?