

THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT*Christian Doctrine Compendium Series*

Sin, Justification, Sanctification, Reconciliation

Moral and Spiritual Hypocrisy

Romans 2:17-24 LSB

17 But if you bear the name "Jew" and rely upon the Law and boast in God, 18 and know His will and approve the things that are essential, being instructed out of the Law, 19 and are confident that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, 20 a corrector of the foolish, a teacher of the immature, having in the Law the embodiment of knowledge and of the truth, 21 you, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that one shall not steal, do you steal? 22 You who say that one should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? 23 You who boast in the Law, through your transgression of the Law, do you dishonor God? 24 For "THE NAME OF GOD IS BLASPHEMED AMONG THE GENTILES BECAUSE OF YOU," just as it is written.

Discussion Questions:

1. List all the things Paul mentioned that the Jew took pride in.

2. What were the three areas of their moral and spiritual hypocrisy which Paul discussed?

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3. Read these verses and identify what the Jew were doing?

VERSES	SPIRITUAL AND MORAL HYPOCRISY	COMMANDMENT VIOLATED
Isa 56:11, Ezek 22:12, Amos 8:5, Mal 3:8-9		
Matt 5:32; 19:9, 5:28		
Deut 7:25		

Reflect and Apply: These verses point out the hypocrisy in the Jew by measuring how they live their lives against the Commandments, the Law. How are you doing in your walk with the Lord? Do you expect and judge others by the Law yet live in hypocrisy? If so, we have a forgiving and loving God (1 John 1:9). Repent, pray, confess, ask for forgiveness to restore your relationship with God, as well as talk with others you have affected by your actions. It may be difficult because of pride or shame, and that's exactly where the enemy want to you to be. Surrender it all to Jesus.