

HEART MATTERS
Romans 2:17-29

- I. KNOWING THE SCRIPTURES IS FOUNDATIONAL (vv. 17-24)
 - A. It Was Possessed by Heredity (vv. 17-18)—*you call yourself a Jew...*
 - B. It Was Provided for Ministry (vv. 19-20)—*a guide to the blind...*
 - C. It Gave Proof of Hypocrisy (vv. 21-24)—*you then who teach others, do you not teach yourself?*
- II. RECEIVING THE SYMBOLS IS HELPFUL (vv. 25-27)
 - A. Outward Rituals Are Unable to Save (v. 25)—*For circumcision indeed is of value if you obey the law...*
 - B. Obedient Faith is the Evidence of Salvation (vv. 26-27)—*if a man who is uncircumcised keeps the precepts of the law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcisions?*
- III. EXPERIENCING THE SPIRIT IS INDISPENSABLE (vv. 28-29)
 - A. The People Of God Are Not Merely Conformed to New Habits (v. 28)—*For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly...*
 - B. The People of God Are Spiritually Converted to a New Heart (v. 29)—*circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit...*