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# The LESS Crooked Line

## Romans 2:17-29

1st - Top Ten (vv. 17-20)

This means "Pride"

2nd - Play Acting (vv. 21-23)

This means "hypocrite"

3rd - Rite of Passage (vv. 25-27)

Baptism = faith; Membership = service;

Ritual = heart; Circumcision = obedience

4th - The Heart of the Matter (vv. 28 & 29)

Isaiah 29:13

A "Word" for our church —

"God's name is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you."  
(v.24)

"For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love."  
Galatians 5:6

### **Reflective Questions:**

- 1) What are some "wrong" reasons a person might have for going to church?
- 2) How could a person be very religious and yet be lacking a real relationship with God? (according to Romans 2:17-29 and/or in your own life)
- 3) What statement(s) stands out to you in this Scripture? Why?
- 4) Why were the Jews so ineffective in reaching people? How might we have a lasting impact on others? What does genuine faith look like? (Galatians 5:6)



### **Our New High School Director**

We will enjoy meeting Andrew White this morning as he introduces himself to us and we pray for him as he begins this new role with high school students and our team of volunteers.