

**Message:** "Trust Issues Week 2 – Killjoy God"

**Scripture:** Romans 3:20-22

## THE BAD NEWS ABOUT RELIGION

### RELIGION FOCUSES ON THE EXTERNAL RATHER THAN THE INTERNAL

*"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean." Matthew 23:25-26*

*"...Don't follow [the example of the Pharisees]. For they don't practice what they teach. They crush people with unbearable religious demands and never lift a finger to ease the burden." Matthew 23:3-4 (NLT)*

## THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS

*"Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin. But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe..." Romans 3:20-22*

### 1. YOU CANNOT EARN GOD'S ACCEPTANCE BY OBEYING THE LAW.

*"Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law..." Romans 3:20*

### 2. THE PURPOSE OF THE LAW IS TO SHOW YOUR NEED OF A SAVIOR.

*"Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin." Romans 3:20*

### 3. BEING RIGHT WITH GOD COMES BY FAITH IN CHRIST ALONE.

*"This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe..." Romans 3:22*