

Run From Religion!

Romans 2:17-29 & Selected Scriptures

Introduction:

Biblical Kindness: Where the hospitality and humility of heaven define our lives on earth so that God's character is revealed in all we say and do.

- *If you were to bring one important message to a new Believer, to help them in their faith, what would you say to them?*
- **Religion/Religious:** *One who speaks religiously and does religious deeds but lacks a true, genuine, authentic, vibrant and personal relationship with Jesus.*

The Religious have no _____ Relationship with Jesus
(Romans 2:17)

- *Pharisees:*
- *Sadducees:*
- *Scribes:*

1. They relate to God based upon their family _____.
2. They relate to God based upon their _____.
(John 5:39-40)
3. They relate to God based upon their _____.

The Religious have no _____ Relationship with Jesus
(Romans 2:1-29)

1. Their _____ was in *what* they knew, not *Who* they knew. (vv.19-24)
2. They _____ what they do, rather than what God has done. (vv.25-27; Gen.17:9-14; Deut.30:6; Gal.5:3; Rom.3:9-20)
3. Their _____ heart leads them away from God, rather than to Him. (vv.28-29)

Application: Truths for a _____ Relationship with Jesus

1. Religion is a _____, not a _____.
2. Christianity is _____ trusting in _____, not ourselves.
 - **Basics of the Gospel:** Jesus, the Holy Son of God, became a man, paid our debt for our sin on the cross, rose from the grave in order to secure our salvation and to give us the hope of heaven.

Verse for February 2026 - Joel 2:13 *Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.*

Commitment: *“Lord, based upon what I heard You say to me this morning I choose to obey You by. . .”*

Our Fellowship: Before you leave ask someone: *“What did God say to you today?”*

Deuteronomy 30:14 (TM) *The Word is right here and now - as near as the tongue in your mouth, as near as the heart in your chest. Just do it!*