



Family preparation for congregational worship on December 18, 2016

Our Scripture-Romans 2:17-29 (ESV): But if you call yourself a Jew and rely on the law and boast in God ¹⁸ and know his will and approve what is excellent, because you are instructed from the law; ¹⁹ and if you are sure that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, ²⁰ an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of children, having in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth—²¹ you then who teach others, do you not teach yourself? While you preach against stealing, do you steal? ²² You who say that one must not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? ²³ You who boast in the law dishonor God by breaking the law. ²⁴ For, as it is written, “The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you.” ²⁵ For circumcision indeed is of value if you obey the law, but if you break the law, your circumcision becomes uncircumcision. ²⁶ So, if a man who is uncircumcised keeps the precepts of the law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision? ²⁷ Then he who is physically uncircumcised but keeps the law will condemn you who have the written code and circumcision but break the law. ²⁸ For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. ²⁹ But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God.

Discuss:

1. What special relationship did the Jews have with God?
2. Why would people blaspheme the name of God?
3. Can you be very religious and have no relationship with God?

Prayer: Praise the Lord that all knowledge and wisdom are in Him. Praise the Lord that He understands us. Ask God to search your heart and cleanse you from any sin the Holy Spirit brings to mind. Ask Him that a specific friend would come to Christ. Pray for Camp Fairwood as they work in evangelism and discipleship. Ask the Lord for a greater love and understanding of His Word. Ask the Lord who He would have you invite to church this coming Sunday.

Memorize (December): “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” **John 3:16-17 (ESV)**

Music:

As you meditate and prepare your heart for worship this Sunday, sing this song to the Lord;

All to Jesus I surrender, All to Him I freely give; I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live.

I surrender all, I surrender all. All to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee; Fill me with Thy love and power, Let Thy blessing fall on me.

I surrender all, I surrender all. All to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

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G T P A P P R O V E P O E K
C L H C O M M I T X D T G E
A P Y H D H A U S C U H U E
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