

## Faith Works: The Dark Side of Religion

### Romans 2:17 – 3:20

Can you be a Christian without being religious?

Paul says “yes” in our passage today.

He helps us realize that religion has some serious pitfalls.

Wise is the person who avoids them . . .

**Big Idea: You don't need religion, you need faith!**

Religion emphasizes the physical over the spiritual.  
verses 2:17-28

Religion emphasizes secondary matters  
while ignoring matters of primary importance.  
verse 2:29

Religion cannot save you from God's wrath.  
verses 3:1-8

Religion blinds you to your need for God's grace.  
verses 3:9-20

*Looking ahead? Check out Romans 3:21-31 for next week.*