Berachah Bible Church Pastor Dial February 17, 2008 AM Sermon Notes

## Religious but Lost Romans 2:17-24

- I. It is possible to be zealous for a religion but not zealous for God (vv. 17-20).
  - > What kind of religious labels can people wear?
  - What kind of religious book can people hide behind?
  - > Is belief in God enough to take one to heaven?
  - Is knowledge of the Scriptures a good eternal life insurance policy?
  - What role does discerning right from wrong play in getting to heaven?
  - Does regular church attendance or any regular "worship" experience give one a better chance at entering heaven?
  - Can good self-esteem or a theistic world view be of any advantage in being accepted by God?

- II. The hypocrisy of those who say they are pursuing God ruins God's reputation (vv. 21-24).
  - > What is hypocrisy?
  - > What are some ways a person who preaches against stealing can steal?
  - > What are some ways a person who preaches against adultery can commit adultery?
  - What are some ways a person who preaches against idols can be guilty of idolatry?

## Conclusion

- > Do people think less of God by observing your life?
- > The road to eternal judgment is paved by false trust.
- What are you trusting in to be accepted by God and live in His heaven forever?