

## The Failure of Good Works Rom. 2:25-29

- I. Good works have no value in rescuing anyone from God's wrath (v. 25).
  - Who can jump high enough in obedience to clear the bar of God's righteousness?
  - What was circumcision designed to symbolize?
- II. Good works would save a person without a knowledge of the Bible, if he or she were good enough (vv. 26-27).
  - What brings God's condemnation?
  - What brings salvation?
  - Can anyone do the law and be saved?
  - What was the value of the Jew's covenantal status as symbolized by the law and circumcision?

- II. Good works cannot change the heart but the heart can be changed by God's work (vv. 28-29).
  - What is heart circumcision?
  - Who is a true Jew? Who is a true Christian?

### Take this home. What will it be, religion or Christ?

Religion is...	Salvation is...
"Something in my hand I bring, Lord."	"Nothing in my hand I bring."
what people do for God	what God does for us
dependent on our behaving	dependent on our believing
the sufficiency of our character (acting our best, seeking to furnish a sacrifice to God)	the sufficiency of Christ as our Savior from sin (accepting God's best, Christ. Rests in a finished sacrifice for salvation)