



What's Going On in the Heart?

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TODAY'S READING: Romans 2

It is easy from an outward appearance to pretend to be someone you are not. People are good at looking the part. People impersonate others for either fun or fraud all the time. It does not take long for someone who knows that person well to know if they are the real person or not. I can pretend to be a pro basketball player all I want but a few questions from a pro player or handing me a basketball would quickly reveal me as a fraud. In the military, precautions are taken to ensure identity because wearing a uniform is not enough to assume you belong in a restricted area.

In this chapter, there is a discussion about the law. The Jewish nation had God's law. They were God's covenant people. They found their identity in that, but the real question is, Were they really following the law? Most were giving an outward appearance of following God but really were not. They had circumcision as an outward identification about being a part of God's covenant people but did not have a change of heart. At the end of chapter two there is a clarifying discussion about this. Verse 29 says it is not about the outward appearance but the heart. For generations, people have come to church because that is what you did. Some have never placed their faith in Jesus Christ but look the part. There was never a heart change. The Jewish audience in Paul's day were very religious. That is, they knew how to play the part, how to talk, what to say and how to act in church. Depending on our generation and the family we grew up in, we are no different today. Our churches have people who have always been in church but have never trusted Jesus.

So, the question for us all is, Can we say we remember a time that Jesus came into our heart and changed our lives forever? It is about the heart, it has always been about the heart. I remember when Jesus changed my heart, and I know He has. It is not about fake it 'til you make it, it is a real heart change. Can you remember your God story and when He changed your heart and life, and are you forever changed?

PRAYER: God, thank You for changing my heart from the inside. Thank You for Your Holy Spirit living and working in me.

TOMORROW'S READING: Romans 3

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