

Romans #036

“Ritual without reality is meaningless”

Romans 2:22-24

They keep on communicating this in order to build up their own self-righteousness.

The purpose of the law is to demonstrate that all of us are sinners, not to prove that anyone is self-righteous or has any claim of righteousness, except that which is given by God from His integrity;

His absolute righteousness.

Grace is the greatest restrainer of sin and this woman experienced grace in a magnificent way.

The self-righteous Jews

use the fact that the temples were guarded by idols as an excuse to steal from *heathen* banks.

Paul emphasizes that their mind is where they are distorting God’s truth.

Self-righteous people fantasize or rationalize, coming up with an image of their own perfection, sinlessness and greatness.

We are all demoted because we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God.

The legalistic Jewish unbeliever has not only dishonored the integrity of God by his maladjustment to the God’s justice at salvation but at the same time he has added insult by blaspheming, violating or transgressing the very Law he uses as an instrument of salvation.

Pride in the letter of the Law is not conformity to the spirit of the Law.

Gentiles were blaspheming the name of God because of the obvious self-righteous hypocrisy and legalism of the Jews at that time.

If you distort the Word of God, you automatically distort the integrity of God.

The Jews had the right ritual or external observance but what was going on inside didn’t matter.

Love functions through grace, righteousness functions through justice and all are a part of the integrity of God.

But, we do not relate to God, He relates to us and when He does, He relates to us through the revelation of Himself.

We cannot relate anything to God until we understand how God relates to us.

God loves you with a far greater love than any human being is capable of giving you.

Integrity is infinitely greater than compassion.

The ultimate in victory over fear is the believer’s ability to face death without panic.

The virtue of divine love is righteousness and justice.

To honor Christ, we must be honorable and to be promotable, we must be compatible with

the integrity of God, which means we must have
virtue-love.

God in grace provides all that His integrity demands of the human race.

Only what God has provided for man in grace can glorify Him.

Anyone who ignores his personal sins and at the same time presents his self-righteousness to God for salvation has no respect or awe for the integrity of God.