

## The Futility of Human Moralism

### Romans 2:17-29

**BIG IDEA:** *Eternal salvation cannot be earned by external morality.*

*In our passage this morning we can see **three weaknesses** of human moralism that God's Word exposes and refutes:*

**I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of human moralism. (2:17-24)**

**All humans, because of their total depravity,  
dishonor God by disobeying His Word.**

**II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of human moralism. (2:25-27)**

**God never exalts human, external morality  
above His holy righteousness.**

### III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of human moralism. (2:28-29)

*External morality is not godliness  
and cannot be a means of salvation from sin's curse.*

#### Implications & Application

1. Because God does not judge sin with partiality (2:11), every human being needs eternal forgiveness and salvation from God's righteous wrath and judgment.
2. Because all have sinned (1:16-17; 18-32; 2:3, 23), the curse of sin damns every human being to eternal punishment, regardless of their ethnic distinctives, historical circumstances, or interactions with God.
3. Because God is full of grace, truth, mercy—and kindness (2:4), He delights to save sinners by changing their hearts through saving faith in His Gospel.
4. Only those sinners who **humble themselves before God and repent of their sin by believing in His Gospel** will receive God's free gift of eternal salvation and praise (2:29).
5. ***"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved!"***  
(Acts 16:31; 4:12)