

**Hypocrisy**

*Romans 2.17 Indeed you are called a Jew, and rest on the law, and make your boast in God, 18 and know His will, and approve the things that are excellent, being instructed out of the law, 19 and are confident that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, 20 an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, having the form of knowledge and truth in the law. 21 You, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that a man should not steal, do you steal? 22 You who say, "Do not commit adultery," do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? 23 You who make your boast in the law, do you dishonor God through breaking the law? 24 For "the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you," as it is written.*

\* This is part of a passage involving ...

\* Why were so many of the Jews were rejecting the gospel?

\* Paul points out two fundamental sins of the Jews ...

\* ... is one of the most ever present and powerful temptations for us today, even as it has been for God's people in every generation.

\* The first thing we need to do is understand ... If you ask people what hypocrisy is, they will say ...

\* We see Paul dealing with the ... of hypocrisy in our text ...

\* How did Jesus point out hypocrisy re the law in the sermon on the mount?

\* What is the context & meaning of Paul's reference to Israel causing the name of God to be blasphemed among the Gentiles? (vs 24)

\* All of this is the fruit of hypocrisy, but what is its root? What was the original meaning of the term?

\* How does this help us understand the special role of Israel in the OT? And what was the fundamental difference of status between Jew and Gentile in the OT? What is a priest?

\* What modern analogy helps us understand Israel's role?

\* In the NT, all believers are ...

\* For believers, OT and New, who is the audience?

\* Why is so much of the NT devoted to worship of God and body life of the church?