

BLASPHEMING GOD'S NAME (Romans 2:17 - 3:8)

Introduction: You can trust the Commies - not at all surprised when they act like Commies - Atheists - Heathen - what does surprise me is .. v. 24)

A people are like their God
We expect a pagan to live like a pagan.

Bible is a very humbling book - especially to religious people - Religious people are very proud of their religion. Bible knocks props out from under.

Jew that name so holy, Jews wouldn't spell it - Isaiah 52, Ezekiel 36, David, Joel 2

Reputation of Christ bound up in followers.

You're doing more to keep people away from God than the heathen.

Failed in purpose - to bring men to God.

GHANDI - " I once wavered - would've become a Christian, had it not been for Christians. Establish this applies to us - we are new Israel. All things examples to us. I Cor. 10. This verse first belong to Jews, then to us.

I. PREACHING WITHOUT PRACTICE

Illustration: Tony Curtis - no smoking - busted for smoking pot.

1. Preach a God of love, then act hatefully toward fellow
2. Preach a God of truth, then exaggerate, cheat, fudge, fib.
3. Preach a God of purity, then tell smutty joke.

II. PRIVILEGE WITHOUT PURPOSE
(Matthew 5:16)

Doctor withhold cure, blaspheme name of medical education, judge - law Christian who fails to share, communicate, blasphems name of God.

Isaiah 52 - captivity instead of ~~commissions~~
they whined, griped, etc.

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III. PROFESSION WITHOUT POSSESSION

Psalm 51 - desirest not sacrifice but truth in inward parts.

Profess to have answer, solution, power, peace.

V. 24 - the climax of God's indictment.

Two ways to live - v 24 Matth. 5:16

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ROMANS 2:17-24

17: "in the law" =

"the law" - 17:17

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