

“SOUR SAINTS”

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- Do you know any churches like the tree of Hippocrates? The form is there, but the function is not. They have stopped reproducing and are satisfied just being big, or having a noble history.
- Contrary to what many believe, Jesus did not come to earth to make us religious. He came to set us free
- **Luke 5:29-32**
*Then Levi gave Him a great feast in his own house. And there were a great number of tax collectors and others who sat down with them. And their scribes and the Pharisees complained against His disciples, saying, "Why do You eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. **I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.**" NKJV*
 - “The heart of the problem is a problem of the heart.”
 - Rather than progressing toward spiritual freedom, (which is what Jesus said he would give to those who trust Him), man-made religious rules lead straight to a spiritual prison.
 - There are many things done and performed in the name of Christian tradition that are not found in the bible anywhere. Religion takes the focus off of Christ and puts it squarely on you.
- 1. **You Cannot Earn Gods Acceptance By Observing the Law (Romans 3:20-22)**
 2. **. The Law Shows Us That We Need A Saviour. (Romans 3:10)**
 3. **Righteousness Comes By Faith In Christ Alone: (Romans 3:22)**

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

Romans 3:10-24

Q.1 - How have you seen religion be harmful, rather than helpful?

Q.2 –Although the Jewish Christians in Rome apparently felt superior to the Gentiles ((2:1,3:1), what does Paul say they have in common?

Q.3 – From verse 10-18, list what is said regarding human thought, direction, speech and action. How does this list make you feel?

Q.4 – Suppose this letter ended at verse 20, how would you feel about yourself? About God?

Q. 5 – Looking at verses 21-24, if you had to explain the gospel from this passage alone, what would you say?

Q. 6 – When did you first sense you sin and need for God? What motivated you to turn to God?

Prayer: Lord, I thank you that salvation comes through faith in Christ alone. I do not want to be religious, but I do want a vibrant relationship with You. Help me to live Christ and show others who You truly are.

Amen