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part 5  
**Judgment Day**  
*Learning to Hate Hypocrisy*



**1. Beware of** \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.17-20)

**2. Admit** \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.21-24)

**3. Relocate** \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans)

*Romans 2:17-24*

<sup>17</sup> Now you, if you call yourself a Jew; if you rely on the law and brag about your relationship to God; <sup>18</sup> if you know his will and approve of what is superior because you are instructed by the law; <sup>19</sup> if you are convinced that you are a guide for the blind, a light for those who are in the dark, <sup>20</sup> an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of infants, because you have in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth— <sup>21</sup> you, then, who teach others, do you not teach yourself? You who preach against stealing, do you steal? <sup>22</sup> You who say that people should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? <sup>23</sup> You who brag about the law, do you dishonor God by breaking the law? <sup>24</sup> As it is written: "God's name is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you." (NIV)

# Application Questions

*These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.*

1. Read **Philippians 3:4-9**. The gospel calls us to trust exclusively in Christ for salvation. Why is this more of a challenge for those who grow up in a good church and a godly Christian home?
2. Read **Romans 3:20-21**. What are some of the things you trusted in to be acceptable to God before you followed the example of Paul in Philippians 3:7 and realized that Christ had to earn your acceptability for you?
3. Read **James 2:10-11**. Why does it make sense (especially in light of the cross) that God does not and cannot grade on a curve when it comes to holiness?
4. What were some "broken laws" of Scripture that convinced you that you were not "good enough" to be accepted by God on your own merits?

How would you respond to someone who thinks he is good enough to go to heaven without Christ?

5. What specifically can you do to minimize hypocrisy at this point in your Christian life?

*Here is a list of other CDs available from past sermons which may assist you in your further study of today's message.*

CD # 0623 – **Examining the Difference that Really Matters**  
CD # 0813 – **Getting Honest About Myself**  
CD # 0656 – **Tempted to Trust in Something Other than Christ**  
CD # 0203 – **Avoiding the Enemy's Evangelistic Sabotage**

## *Read Through the Bible in a Year*

Here's this  
week's schedule:

November 23<sup>rd</sup>  
*Dan.3-4 & Jms.4*  
November 24<sup>th</sup>  
*Dan.5-6 & Jms.5*  
November 25<sup>th</sup>  
*Dan.7-8 & 1Pt.1*  
November 26<sup>th</sup>  
*Dan.9-10 & 1Pt.2*  
November 27<sup>th</sup>  
*Dan.11-12 & 1Pt.3*  
November 28<sup>th</sup>  
*Hos.1-2 & 1Pt.4-5*  
November 29<sup>th</sup>  
*Hos.3-4 & 2Pt.1*  
November 30<sup>th</sup>  
*Hos.5-6 & 2Pt.2*

*Here are some resources that will assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon.  
(To see other recommendations by Pastor Mike related to this and other topics go to [www.CompassBooks.org](http://www.CompassBooks.org).)*

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