

“Even the ‘Religious’ Need the Gospel” Part 2
Romans 2:17-29



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We gather in worship to remind ourselves who God is, what he has done in Christ and what he is doing through his Spirit. Our desire is to praise God and receive afresh his Spirit in us, to affirm that we are family reconciled one to another and to be empowered to reach out to the world.

Please pray for...

- a good friend in Elk Grove; he is a senior with numerous health issues who lost his wife last year. Pray for his healing both in mind and body.
- Kids Club that starts this Monday! Please pray for us as we minister to and through kids. Pray for more kids to be invited by friends.

PBCC Financial Information:

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>	<u>Gain/(Loss)</u>
July 2024	\$158,996	\$173,140	(\$14,144)
12-month average	\$160,889	\$173,399	(\$12,510)

<u>Missions Fund</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>
July 2024	\$ 10,490	\$ 15,903
12-month average	\$ 17,104	\$ 17,901

<u>Need Fund</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>
July 2024	\$ 940	\$ 180
12-month average	\$ 2,804	\$ 1,968

Family Life (see our website at PBCC.org for more info):

Sept 15th: **Brian Morgan Art Reception** After 2nd service
Sept 15th: **RSCP Training** After 2nd service
Sept 18th – Nov 20th: **Big Picture Class** 7-9pm
Sept 22nd: **Flu Clinic** 9:30-12:30
Sept 22nd: **Japan Memories Night** 7pm
Sept 29th: **IJM Luncheon** 12-2pm
Every Sunday: **Sunday AM Prayer Meeting** 8:30am
Every Sunday: **Body Life in Mandarin** 10:30am
Every 2nd/4th Sunday: **Church-Wide Prayer** 7:00am
Every Wednesday: **Intercessory Prayer** 6:30am (Zoom)

Scan here for online Worship Guide:



Please visit our website at pbcc.org!

Call to Worship: Psalm 67:1-5 (NIV)

- ¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face shine on us—
² so that your ways may be known on earth,
your salvation among all nations.
- ³ May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.
- ⁴ May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you rule the peoples with equity
and guide the nations of the earth.
- ⁵ May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:1-5 (NIV)

- ¹ “Do not judge, or you too will be judged. ² For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.
- ³ “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? ⁴ How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? ⁵ You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

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I. Condemning Pride (v 17-24)

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

II. Focusing on the Heart (v 25-29)

²⁵ Circumcision has value if you observe the law, but if you break the law, you have become as though you had not been circumcised. ²⁶ So then, if those who are not circumcised keep the law’s requirements, will they not be regarded as though they were circumcised? ²⁷ The one who is not circumcised physically and yet obeys the law will condemn you who, even though you have the written code and circumcision, are a lawbreaker. ²⁸ A person is not a Jew who is one only outwardly, nor is circumcision merely outward and physical. ²⁹ No, a person is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code. Such a person’s praise is not from other people, but from God.

III. Implications

- A. The Heart
- B. Our Actions
- C. Humility, Humility, Humility