

NO EXEMPTIONS!

(PRESUMPTUOUS MORALISM)

Romans 2:17-24

Rom 2:13 - for it is not the hearers of the Law who are just before God, but the doers of the Law will be justified.

Two facts concerning spiritual privileges and judgment...

I. PRIVILEGE CAN LEAD TO PRESUMPTION

17 But if you bear the name “Jew” ...

2 Kings 16:6

Gen 29:35 - And she conceived again and bore a son and said, “This time I will praise the Lord.” Therefore she named him Judah...

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17...and rely upon the law...

Deut 4:5-6 - ...I have taught you statutes and judgments just as the Lord my God commanded me...(and)... the peoples... will hear all these statutes and say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.'

Psa 19:7-8 - 7 The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul...8 The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart...

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17...and rely upon the law...

Micah 3:11 - Yet they lean on the Lord saying, "Is not the Lord in our midst? Calamity will not come upon us."

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17...and boast in God...

Rom 5:11 - ... we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ...

1 Cor 1:31 - ...Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Jer 9:23-24 – 23 Thus says the Lord, “Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; 24 but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me...

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18 and know His will and approve the things that are essential...

Phil 1:10 - so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ;

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18...being instructed out of the Law.

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19 and are confident that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness...

Gen 12:3 - ... in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.

Isa 49:6 - ... I will also make You a light of the nations so that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Matt 15:14 - Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if a blind man guides a blind man, both will fall into a pit.

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*20 a corrector of the foolish, a teacher of the immature,
having in the Law the embodiment of knowledge and of the
truth...*

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- II. PRESUMPTION CAN LEAD TO HYPOCRISY

21 you, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself?

21...You who preach that one shall not steal, do you steal?

Matt 6:2 - So when you give to the poor, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be honored by men...

Matt 6:5 - When you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they may be seen by men...

Matt 6:16 - Whenever you fast, do not put on a gloomy face as the hypocrites do, for they neglect their appearance so that they will be noticed by men when they are fasting...

Matt 23:3 - ... they say things and do not do them.

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II. PRESUMPTION CAN LEAD TO HYPOCRISY

22 You who say that one should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery?...

Lev 20:10 - If there is a man who commits adultery with another man's wife, one who commits adultery with his friend's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.

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22...You who abhor idols, do you rob temples?

Douglas Moo – It is not, then, that all Jews commit these sins, but that these sins are representative of the contradiction between claim and conduct that does pervade Judaism.

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- II. PRESUMPTION CAN LEAD TO HYPOCRISY

23 You who boast in the Law, through your breaking the Law, do you dishonor God?

24 For “the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you,” just as it is written.

Isa 52:51