



WHEN CHRISTIANS ARE HYPOCRITES | WEEK 2

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"I don't do organized religion."

Religion: a moral code we try to follow to gain acceptance of God

Religion creates _____.

Hypocrisy: a pretense of having a virtue that one does not possess

"...among young outsiders, **84 percent** say they personally know at least one committed Christian. Yet just **15 percent** thought the lifestyles of those Christ followers were significantly different from the norm. This gap speaks volumes." – David Kinnaman

"So practice and obey whatever they tell you, but don't follow their **example**. For they don't **practice** what they teach." *Matthew 23:3*

"They crush people with **unbearable religious demands** and never lift a finger to ease the burden." *Matthew 23:4*

"Everything they do is for **show**." *Matthew 23:5*

Following the rules can never _____ your _____.

If rules could make us right with God, the Ten Commandments would have been _____.

So it is clear that no one can be **made right** with God by trying to keep the law. *Galatians 3:11*

"For from **within**, out of a person's **heart**, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, lustful desires, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness. All these vile things come from **within**; they are what defile you." *Mark 7:21-23*

The law of Moses was **unable** to save us because of the weakness of our **sinful nature**. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own **Son** in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a **sacrifice for our sins**. *Romans 8:3*

Hypocrisy _____ people from _____.

"What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. **Hypocrites!** For you **shut the door** of the Kingdom of Heaven in people's faces. You **won't go in** yourselves, and you don't let **others** enter either." *Matthew 23:13*

"The greatest single cause of atheism in the world today is Christians: who acknowledge Jesus with their lips, walk out the door, and deny Him by their lifestyle. That is what an unbelieving world simply finds unbelievable."
– Brennan Manning

Whatever happens, **conduct yourselves** in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. *Philippians 1:27*

Relationship creates _____.

"...we know that a person is made right with God by **faith in Jesus Christ**, not by obeying the law." *Galatians 2:16*

The _____ comes to dwell in your _____.

And the Lord—who is the **Spirit**—makes us more and more like him as we are **changed** into his glorious image. *2 Corinthians 3:18*

What does this produce?

Faith produces easy-going, honest, humble, vulnerable, non-judgmental, imperfect, yet changing people.

But the Holy Spirit **produces** this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. *Galatians 5:22-23*

Will you drop your mask?



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