

AM Sermon Notes

Text: *Romans 2:25-29*

Title: *"Symbols Don't Save"*

Central Truth: Being in a right, saving relationship with God is not accomplished by outward, external works or ceremonies but it is an internal, spiritual work of grace in our hearts.

Genesis 17:9-12; Leviticus 12:3; Luke 2:21; Philippians 3:5

I. vv. 25-27: Symbols and the Superficial

v. 25: KJV - keep, NIV - observe, practice, obey - The word translated here means to do, to practice. It is in the present tense which speaks of continual, ongoing action! Paul says to the Jew that his circumcision is good only if his relationship with God behind it is good.

v. 26: un-circumcision - This is the Gentiles.

v. 27: Paul says that the faithful obedience of the Gentiles graphically reveals the hypocrisy of the Jews. True salvation always produces a changed life!

II. vv. 28-29: Salvation and the Spiritual

v. 28: outwardly - This word means to be open, clear and visible to our physical eyes.

v. 29: *Four truths on genuine salvation:*

v. 29a: 1. _____

v. 29b: 2. _____

v. 29c: 3. _____

v. 29d: 4. _____