

Vision for our Vineyard : To Experience God and to Help People

Romans 2 A changed heart

THE TRUE JEW –THE TRUE CHRISTIAN

is a seeker and a pleaser of God.

• 2:28-29 “ For you are not a true Jew (a true member of Israel- the people of God) because you were born of Jewish parents or because you have gone through the Jewish ceremony of circumcision. No, a true Jew is one whose heart is right with God. And true circumcision is not a cutting of the body but a change of heart (a circumcision of the heart) produced by God’s Spirit Whoever has that kind of change seeks praise from God, not from people.”

• **True Jew**–True Christian. Whom does God consider a true Jew, a true Christian, one of his people and family? The answer is: those whose hearts are right with God –because they are seekers of God – and seekers of positive change in their lives to become like God so that they can walk with Him.

• **Circumcision of (change) the heart.**

Everyone needs to have things cut out of their hearts–malignant parts of their soul.

• 2:7 “God will give eternal life to those who persist in doing what is good, seeking after the glory and honor and immortality that God offers. (Those who see a need for change)

• But He will pour out his anger and wrath on those who live for themselves, who refuse to obey the truth and practice evil deeds. (Those who do not see a need for change)

• **God will judge everyone’s secret heart. Therefore, we wrestle with the Holy Spirit to be better people**

• 2:16 “The day will surely come when God by Jesus Christ, will judge everyone’s secret heart.”

• 2:4 “Don’t you see how kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Or don’t you care? Can’t you see how kind he has been in giving you time to turn from your sin?”

• Jacob – his name meaning “deceive “(which suited him) had his name changed to Israel

Which means--One who strives with God and God changes him and he becomes a prince of God. “

• **See God.** At the end of 20 years of being trained in God’s school of hard knocks Jacob said he had come to see God. When God and an of us see each other—can walk and talk with each other – we connect with God –then the end of our life’s search is ended.