



# 2025 Family Devo

## Week of Feb 9

### READ: Ro 2:17-29

**Main Idea:** It is tempting to find comfort spiritually in identifying with a group. The Jews sometimes would find comfort in simply being a part of God’s chosen people. They may not have been living faithful to God, but they thought “I’m a member of the Jewish nation.” Meanwhile God wanted the faithfulness of their hearts, not just their proper outward actions.

### DISCUSS

**Children:** Someone said, “Being born in a Christian home does not make you a Christian any more than being born in the back seat of a car makes you a spare tire!” Humorous, but true. Unfortunately, there are many people who think that they are in right standing with God by virtue of being born in a Christian home or because they are a member of a church. The fact of the matter is a person does not enter into a right relationship with God by virtue of rank, race, riches, or religion, but rather through a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Teen:** When we say we are Christian, but act in a non-Christian way, could the way others think about God be affected? Does being a Christian have value if you are not living for God? What does your behavior look like if you have a heart seeking to please God?

**Adult:** This passage reminds some people of the book *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne. If we had to wear our sins on our clothes, would we go out? And what if it were not just those that people knew about, like Hester Prynne, but those buried deep in our hearts? Eventually Hester performs acts of charity for the community. What does that tell us about her heart? In light of this passage, did her heart change?

### PRAY

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### MEMORIZE

**2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV)**  
All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

