

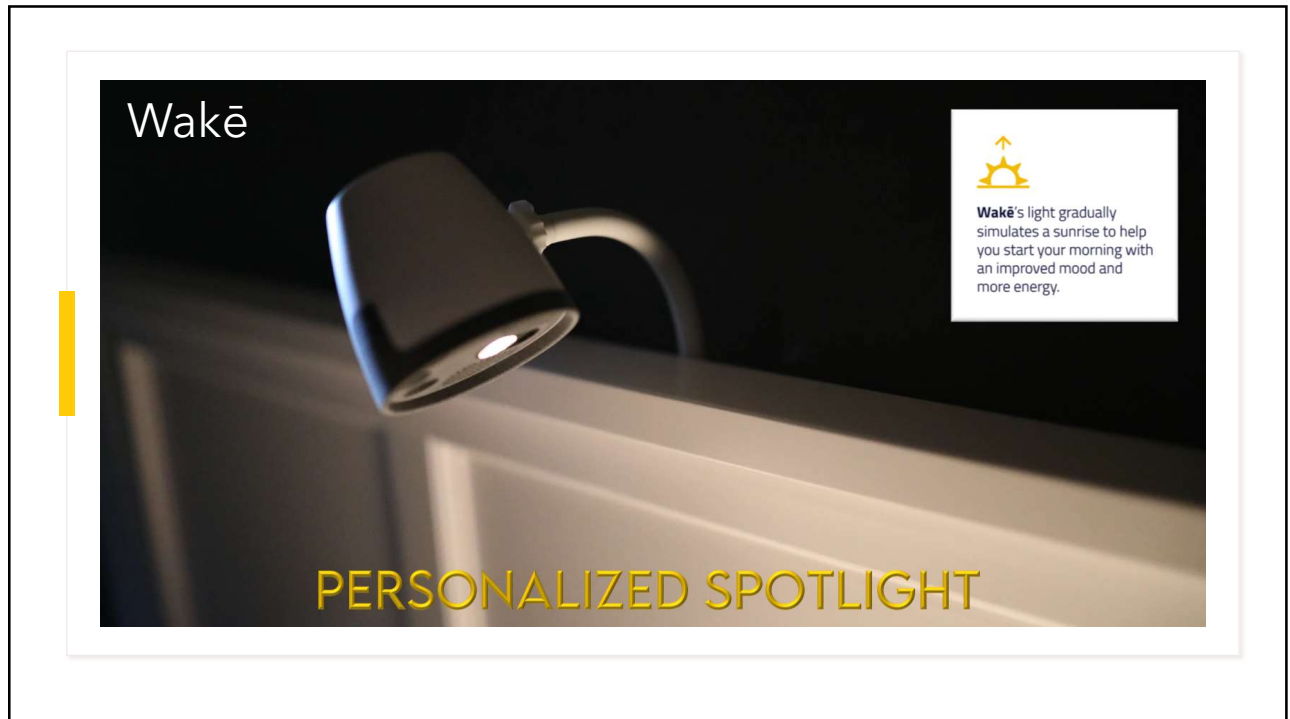


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KNOWING & DOING GOD'S WILL

An In-depth Study of Paul's Letter to the Church in Rome

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Wakē



Wakē's light gradually simulates a sunrise to help you start your morning with an improved mood and more energy.

PERSONALIZED SPOTLIGHT

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**FOCAL PASSAGES FOR
TODAY'S STUDY:**

- ❖ **ROMANS 2:17-24**
- ❖ **ROMANS 2:25-29**

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ROMANS 12:2

Do not be conformed to this age, but be **TRANSFORMED** by the renewing of your mind, **so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.**

ROMANS 2:17-24

¹⁷Now **if you call yourself a Jew,** and rely on the law, and boast in God, ¹⁸and know his will, and approve the things that are superior, being instructed from the law, ¹⁹and if you are convinced that you are a guide for the blind, a light to those in darkness, ²⁰an instructor of the ignorant, a teacher of the immature, having the embodiment of knowledge and truth in the law—²¹you then, who teach another, don't you teach yourself? You who preach, "You must not steal"—do you steal? ²²You who say, "You must not commit adultery"—do you commit adultery? You who detest idols, do you rob temples? ²³You who boast in the law, do you dishonor God by breaking the law? ²⁴For, as it is written: The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you.

JEWISH BALANCE SHEET

How could Israel be tempted to think of themselves as better than the rest of humanity?

Assets

1. **They were Jews (God's Chosen People)**
2. **They rely on the Law**
3. **They brag about their relationship with God**
4. **They know God's will**
5. **They approve what is superior** (dietary, lifestyle, etc.)
6. **They are instructed by the Law**
7. **Think they embody knowledge and truth**
 - a. Guide to the blind
 - b. Light to those in darkness
 - c. Instructor of the ignorant (foolish)
 - d. Teacher of the immature (infants)

Liabilities

1. **They taught others but did not teach themselves.**
2. **They preached against stealing yet stole.**
3. **They preached against adultery but committed adultery.**
4. **They abhorred idols but stole from pagan temples.**
5. **They bragged about the Law, yet dishonored God by breaking it.**

**WHAT WAS THE BOTTOM-LINE
OF THEIR HYPOCRISY?**

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SO THEN, WHO IS A REAL JEW IN GOD'S SIGHT?

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ROMANS 2:25-29

²⁵Circumcision benefits you if you observe the law, but if you are a lawbreaker, your circumcision has become uncircumcision. ²⁶So if an uncircumcised man keeps the law's requirements, will not his uncircumcision be counted as circumcision? ²⁷A man who is physically uncircumcised, but who keeps the law, will judge you who are a lawbreaker in spite of having the letter of the law and circumcision. ²⁸For a person is not a Jew who is one outwardly, and true circumcision is not something visible in the flesh. ²⁹On the contrary, a person is a Jew who is one inwardly, and circumcision is of the heart—by the Spirit, not the letter. That person's praise is not from people but from God.

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29 On the contrary,
a person is a Jew
who is one inwardly, ← How does one become a Jew inwardly?


How does Paul answer that question in the later half of verse 29?

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CIRCUMCISION IS OF
THE HEART
 —by the Spirit, not the letter.

How does one get a circumcised heart?



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Circumcision

Genesis 17:9-14



- ❖ God called Abraham to leave his land and go to a place that He would show him. (Gen. 12)
- ❖ God promised Abraham that he would be the father of a multitude of nations and the founder of a line of kings.
- ❖ Even though Abraham and his wife Sarah were old and childless, Abraham believed God and followed His commands.
- ❖ God credited it to him as righteousness and the agreement formed was permanent.
- ❖ Circumcision was established as a sign of the covenant between Yahweh and Abraham, and it was required for all of Abraham's descendants.

Outward circumcision is the ratification of the agreement between Abraham and God.

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How does God respond to a circumcised heart?

“That person’s praise is not from people but from God.”

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Saying you are a Jew, doesn't make you a Jew, anymore than saying you are a Christian, makes you a Christian.

As we learned last week in our study, genuine faith finds fulfillment in action.

True faith is a verb, and it is transformative; it changes the way we respond to God and to others.

That's why Paul says true circumcision is of the heart – it is an inward transformation manifested outward.

And God loves seeing it in His children – in fact, Paul tells us that God praises it.

Do you want to be praised by God?