

What's wrong  
with the world?



**What's wrong with religion?**

*Romans 2:1-3:20*

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# Imagine... no religion



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**The New Testament is one of the most consistently anti-religious texts in history!**

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37 verses!!

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But our *actions* are the *evidence* of our faith

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**False security** – because it focuses on rules  
(2:25-29)

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# Conclusion - the great silence

## (3:1-20)

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# Conclusion - the great silence (3:1-20)

**Neither atheism nor religion really  
deals with our mess...**

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“The small innocuous man was so like me that it unsettled me deeply”

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***The good news that will speak into 'the silence'***

- "...according to *my gospel* [= 'good news'] (2:16)
- "...circumcision of the **heart** by the Holy Spirit" (2:29)

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