

Series: The Book of Romans
“Churchianity vs. Christianity?”
(The Religious Sinner: The Striper) : Part One
Romans 2:17-24

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Introduction:

- The Rational Sinner: the Bass – “*My reason is reason enough!*” - (Romans 1:17-32)
- The Reformed Sinner: the Rainbow Trout – “*My goodness is good enough!*” – (2:1-16)
- The Religious Sinner: the Striper – “*My religion is righteous enough!*” – (2:17-3:9)

Catching Alive the Religious Sinner:

1. THE LINE: Their Prideful Attitude. V. 17, 18

- 1.) They rest on the pride of their heritage. V. 17a
- 2.) They rest on the pride of their knowledge. V. 17b, 18
- 3.) They rest on the pride of their understanding. James 4:17
- 4.) They rest on the pride of their pragmatism. V. 17c
- 5.) They rest on the pride of their truth. V. 17d

2. THE HOOK: Their Arrogant Confidence. V. 19

- 1.) They are a guide to the blind. V. 19a
- 2.) They are a light to those who are in darkness. V. 19b; Matthew 6:22,23

3. THE SINKER: Their Pompous Knowledge: v. 20

- 1.) They are instructors of the foolish. V. 20a
- 2.) They are teachers of infants. V. 20b
- 3.) They have a form of knowledge. V. 20c

4. THE BAIT: Their Embarrassing Hypocrisy: V. 21-24

- 1.) Their Sins of Deceit. V. 21a
- 2.) Their Sins of Theft. V. 21b
- 3.) Their Sins of Adultery. V. 22a
- 4.) Their Sins of Idolatry. V. 22b
- 5.) Their Sins of Hypocrisy. V. 23, 24

**What is the Message of CHRIST and HOPE in this Passage?:
Moment of Decision:**