



## Sermon Notes: True Religion

### 1. Man-made Religion

- a. The Meaning of Religion.
- b. The Methods of Religion.
- c. The Motivation of Religion.
- d. The Misplaced Trust of Religion.

### 2. True Faith

- a. The Heart of Faith.
- b. The Hope of Faith.
- c. The Helper of Faith.



## Gospel Applications: True Religion

### Discuss.

1. How does Jesus' confrontation of the scribes strike you? How do your modern sensibilities wish he had said/done things differently?
2. What are some ways Christians parade their religious piety today?
3. Do you do engage in certain activities and abstain from certain other activities in order for others to see your faith and think well of you? What are those activities that fit each category?
4. What sources (books, blogs, podcasts, social media, etc.) are you letting impact the way you think?
5. When you encounter teaching in any of these sources (#4) that is contrary to genuine faith, what kind of response do you typically have? What are some possible healthy responses to this sort of thing?
6. What has your experience been with giving sacrificially?
7. How do you balance the need to fully depend on God with the need to practically plan and prepare for your future?
8. What's one thing you can do or change as a result of this week's message?

### Pray.

1. Ask God to reveal areas where you might be trusting in yourself rather than Him. Confess your misplaced trust and repent of it.
2. Pray that God would strengthen your faith to give sacrificially (or more sacrificially) toward His kingdom.