

## Getting Started

1. What is the worst case of false advertising that you have experienced?
2. What product did you purchase that was actually better than advertised? What made it so?
3. Do you act a certain way around one group of people and a different way around others?
4. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's sermon did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

## Digging Deeper

### 5. Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 72:

**Q. Does this outward washing with water itself wash away sins?**

A. No, only Jesus Christ's blood and the Holy Spirit cleanse us from all sins.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Matt. 3:11; 1 Pet. 3:21; 1 John 1:7

What is the point of baptism if it does not wash away our sins?

6. Paul quotes Isaiah 52:5 and echoes Ezekiel 36:20, 23. Why?
7. 2 Cor. 3:1-6 talks about the Spirit and not the letter, just like Romans 2:29. What does it mean to a believer in the Spirit and not of the letter?
8. Read Matthew 18:3. What does Jesus say and how does it apply to Romans 2:17-3:8

## Application

9. There are many people out there who proclaim with their lips that they belong to Jesus Christ, but their lives do not reflect that statement. At times our lives may not reflect that we belong to Jesus Christ. What are you doing to draw closer to God?

## Praying Scripture

**Hebrews 13:20** Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, **21** equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

## Ross Community Reformed Church

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### The Gospel: Class is in Session

#### “False Advertising”

For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God.

Romans 2:28, 29

- Mere \_\_\_\_\_ cannot \_\_\_\_\_ us to God.
  
- We can say we are Christians \_\_\_\_\_, but our \_\_\_\_\_ spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ is what matters.

Topics: Faith, salvation, baptism