

Traditions

2 Thess. 2:15, Mark 7:1-9, 1 Cor. 11:1-16

Intro: Traditions (habits) are what keeps our society going.

Gives us schedule and important things

PARADOSIS: meaning handed down

Mentioned 13 times in Scripture (10 bad, 3 good)

1 Cor. 11:2, 2 Thess. 2:15, 3:6

I. Traditions

A. Worldly tradition

Many are good: Thanksgiving, Christmas, birthdays

Some not good: Things that keep you from Church

Worldly traditions that keep you from God are dangerous

Colossians 2:8 "The tradition of men", Romans 12:1-2

B. Religious traditions

Many are good: Invitation song, standing Scripture

Many are not good: Denominational names/practices

Understand differences: what is doctrine and what is not

Mt 15:2-3, 8-9

C. Scriptural Traditions

Paul often referred to practices/teachings as tradition

2 Thess. 2:15, 2 Thess. 3:6

We face temptation to change things

*Our job is not to get them in the church door,
but to get them into heaven's gates.*

II. The Veil of 1 Corinthians 11:1-16

A. Corinthian Culture

Different views of women's dress than today

Style, what did veil mean? Complete covering of face and hair

v. 5 Veiled while prophesying or praying, miracle times are past.

v. 6 dishonor for a woman to be shorn

v. 15 nature says man not have long hair (Samson, Elijah, David's soldiers, John the Baptizer)

v. 16 custom, nor do churches of God

B. Principles taught today

Wrong: men hair not past collar, no hats during a prayer, dollies

What we wear in worship matters, v. v. 10 because angels in heaven

Submission and authority (God, Christ, Man, Woman) Gal. 3:28

Propriety of women (and men) 1 Peter 3:4

III. Creating Traditions Today

Dangers of them: bind unnecessarily, discourage thinking,
lead to false confidence

A. Be intentional

Why do we do this? Example of the Jewish Feasts

B. Make it easy

Start small, do it often

Pray as a family, go to church on vacation

C. Create an example worthy to follow

What if my kids were just like me?