

HAPPY THANKSGIVING
Matthew 15:1-20, Mark 7:1-23

Give thanks to the God of heaven. His love endures forever.
Psalms 136:26

I will praise the name of God with a song,
And will magnify Him with thanksgiving. Psalms 69:30

Washing was for ceremony not _____ (vv.1-2)

³(For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they carefully wash their hands, thus observing the traditions of the elders; ⁴and when they come from the market place, they do not eat unless they cleanse themselves; and there are many other things which they have received in order to observe... Mark 7:3-4

Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet from it;
²⁰when they enter the tent of meeting, they shall wash with water, ...
when they approach the altar to minister... Exodus 30:19-20

What They Got Wrong:

Tradition was _____ above God's Word

They judged someone's spiritual _____ by their keeping of _____ (vv.1-2)

Broke God's _____ to keep their _____ (vv.3-7)

Jesus replied, "And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition? Matthew 15:3-4 (NIV)

_____ God's Word (To keep their tradition) (v.6)

"Neglecting the commandment of God, you hold to the tradition of men." Mark 7:8

Teaching _____ doctrines (tradition) as _____ Word (v.9)

Teaching as doctrines the precepts of men (v.9)

How Jesus Responds:

Jesus always points back to _____ (v.4)
God said, Honor your father and mother (v.4)

Jesus calls them _____ (v.7)
Jesus goes _____ with His denouncement (v.10)

Then His disciples came and said to Him, "Do You know that the Pharisees were **offended** (skandalizo) when they heard this saying?" (v.12)

Tells Disciples don't start an _____ ministry
Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind." (v.14)

(vv.15-19)

"Don't you see that nothing that enters a man from the outside can make him 'unclean'? 19 For it doesn't go into his heart but into his stomach, and then out of his body." (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods "clean.") Mark 7:18-19

"Never, Lord," Peter declared. "I have never in all my life eaten anything forbidden by our Jewish laws." ¹⁵The voice spoke again, "If God says something is acceptable, don't say it isn't." Acts 10:14-15 (NLT)

Religion focuses on _____

Spiritual Maturity focuses in on _____

Our Focus at Calvary Church:

Live, Love & Share
God's Word
Everyday

Not that we lord it over your faith, but are workers with you for your joy; for in your faith you are standing firm. 2 Corinthians 1:24