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"Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing (Matthew 5:26)." XIER VOLUM

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"TRADITIONS" BY: JASON GANN

There are traditions that are important, but those against God's Word are not. Traditions are customary patterns of thoughts, words, actions, and behaviors. In our homes, we have traditions that we love to do. For example, we love to celebrate birthdays to show our thankfulness for God blessing us with another year, for example. We love to eat cake and ice-cream at such times. In our nation, we have traditions. We stand and put our hands over our hearts in the singing of the national anthem to show our love for our country and our thanks to those who have served to protect our freedoms, for example. Also, in the church, there are traditions that we keep.

Now, some may say all traditions are bad in the church, and that is just absolutely not so. Man -made traditions that have crept into churches or blatantly been instituted into church, which are foreign to Scripture, are bad. In Mark Chapter 7, we are told of how Jesus says in verses 6 through 8 in response to the Pharisees and scribes asking him why His disciples eat with unwashen hands, contrary to the tradition of the elders, "Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do." These people had neglected the commandments of God and worked to cling to traditions of men. They preferred man over God. These men are charged with three things: hypocrisy, worshipping God in vain, and rejecting God's commandments. An example He gives is where they would pronounced "Corban" over property and in so doing, they thought this absolved them from the obligation of caring for parents. They could offer gifts to God under the Old Law (Leviticus 1:2, 10, 14), but they could not fail to honor their parents (Exodus 20:12). Teaching traditions as equal to the law of God, which many Jews claimed, was wrong. In reality, so saying in actuality was teaching that traditions of men are more important that the Law of God, but this is not so. Today, we see, also that traditions in the church that are not authorized by Scripture, which equips us for every good work and wherein we find all things that pertain to life and godliness, are forbidden and wrong (II Peter 1:3, II Timothy 3:16-17).

My friends, we must not fail to acknowledge that there are good traditions in the church. II Thessalonians 2:15 says, "Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle." Today, when preachers and teachers speak God's Word Using the written Word, we are speaking forth the traditions. We are to stand fast, and hold these. Tradition as used here refers to "what is delivered." It can also be translated "ordinances." In

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Please remember to pray for the sick. Mark 14:39 says, "And again he went away, and prayed, and spake the same words."

BIBLE SCHOOL CORNER Activity

In the City of Jerusalem, The kingdom did begin; Now, you know the place, The question is: "When"? Answer:

(Riddle by John K. Wills)

NEWS

- We welcome you!
- Teachers of the Bible classes are asked to please submit the Bible Class Information Sheets for the Winter Quarter by this evening for publication in the "Bible School Corner" of this bulletin.
- Please visit the church Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ campaignchurchofchristcampaigntn



• This week's suggested pantry item is canned hominy. Any pantry item is accepted.

(*Note: Continued from Page 2*) I Corinthians 11:2, we read, "Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you." A failure to follow the Traditions of God as found in the Holy Scriptures, which have been delivered unto us by those Apostles and Prophets who were moved by the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 2:20, 3:5; II Peter 1:21) in the First Century, is to result in discipline.

II Thessalonians 3:6 says, "Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us."

Brethren, let us hold to the Traditions of God, which are found on the pages of the Holy Bible. Let us not add, nor take from them and thereby form traditions of men, which lead s to vain worship. Let us hold to God's Unchanging Hand!

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