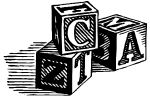


Acts 2:12 And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another,

## "What Does This Mean?"

Response Questions for, "The Pharisees Confronted – The Gentiles Included," (Mark 7:1-23 [Gospel Parallels – Matt. 15:1-20])



**Basic Ideas** from Mark 7:1-23.

The Holy Spirit is calling to us from this passage to consider three ideas.

1. The Holy Spirit desires for us to know He is for everyone and all who desire may come.
2. The Holy Spirit desires for us to choose the inclusiveness of God for the redemption of His people.
3. The Holy Spirit desires for us to feel the joy of seeing the purpose of God fulfilled in the redeeming of His people.



**Basic Questions** from Mark 7:1-23.

1. What is ceremonial washing and why was it so important to the Pharisees?
2. According to Jesus, what is essential to true worship?
3. How did the Pharisees give precedence to tradition over Scripture?
4. What traditions do we often place above God's Word?
5. What do Christ's words in this passage establish about the authority of Scripture compared to other writings?
6. Who were those questioning Him?
7. From where did His accusers come?
8. Why the questioning by the Pharisees and some of the scribes?
9. What does "unwashed" mean?
10. Do you think washing your hands before you ate was a bad idea?
11. The response of Jesus in verse six seems strong. Why do you think He responded in this manner?
12. What does the word "hypocrite" communicate to you?
13. Why does Jesus call them hypocrites?
14. According to verse seven, what are some consequences of hypocrisy?
15. What two ideas are pitted against each other in verse eight?
16. What are traditions capable of doing according to verse 13?
17. Read verses 14-23. What is Christ's main point here?
18. Can anything outside of an individual make him impure?
19. Where does our impurity come from?
20. Notice the slowness of the disciples (v. 18). What does this say to you?
21. Notice the editorial in verse 19. What might this mean to His audience? Remember, this is long before Peter's vision in Acts 10.
22. Notice Jesus speaks of the heart as being the source for all of our evil. Notice Galatians 5:19 and notice the parallel ideas.
23. What are the foundational ideas behind this passage?
24. What are the practical implications behind this passage as to how we live our lives?
25. What application can we make from this text?

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The **Basic Application** from Mark 7:1-23.

1. What are some traditions that we have that are outside of Scripture? Are there faiths today that put traditions on an equal plan with the Word of God?
2. Have you been blocking out the Holy Spirit's work in and through the Bible by your refusal to give up your traditions?
3. Who do you believe to be outside of God's redemptive purpose?
4. God's design is for worshippers from every tongue, tribe, people, and nation to glorify Him. How is the church universal going about this task? How is this local church participating in this task?
5. What does this story cause you to change in your thinking and/or actions?