

“The Tragedy of Spiritual Hypocrisy”

Matthew 15:1-20

The Gospel of Matthew

Theme: Until you take off your mask and accept “you can’t, but God can, and Jesus did,” you cannot be saved.

Outline:

- I. The Accusation (vv. 1, 2 [Pharisees / Scribes])
 - You disregard our traditions
- II. The Rebuttal (vv. 3-9)
 - Your traditions void the Word of God
- III. The Principle (vv. 10-11 [The Crowd])
 - What you do isn’t what you are; what you are is what you do.
It only flows one way.
- IV. The Explanation (vv. 12-20 [The Disciples])
 - Reinforces above communication

QUESTION

1. What kind of religious traditions have you encountered that seems to contradict the Word of God?
2. Is it easy to separate tradition from what is true?
3. What is the one issue we all have to deal with?
4. How can we change our hearts?

WHAT’S NEXT?

THE PROPHET
Listen to HIM
(Matt. 17:5)

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Take a few moments to look at the following activities and ask yourself whether or not that activity is a “Tradition” or Bible. Put a check in the appropriate box

Activity	Tradition / Culture [preference]	Bible [non-negotiable / constant]
Style of Music [i.e. rap, hymn, chorus, etc.]		
How we dress for the Sunday morning gathering		
The order of service / “Liturgy”		
Pre or Post service food items and coffee		
The building proper		
The time of the service		
The day of the service		
The consumption of alcohol		
The use of tobacco		
What we eat such as deep fried foods and sugar saturated consumption		
Attending Church		
The daily reading of your Bible		

If you are willing, please drop this off at the “welcome booth” in the foyer*

***No congregant was harmed in the taking of this survey**

