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*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

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Worldly Living

[Christians] should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart. (**Ephesians 4:17-18**)

People who are "alienated from the life of God" are: clueless as to what life is really about; can't see beyond their own lusts; are ignorant and not worldly-wise; and blind to what is good and decent.

[Jesus came to] Seek and to save that which was lost. (**Luke 19:10**)

Jesus' message to the lost is: "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned" (**Mark 16:16**). Jesus died for you, live for Him, and then Thank God.

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**"Faith Only" Doesn't Confess Christ**

**John 12:42-43:** "Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God."

"Many" "rulers" among the Jews "believed in" Jesus as the Christ, but "did not confess Him," though Jesus made it clear about confession.

"Also I say to you, whoever confesses Me before men, him the Son of Man also will confess before the angels of God. But he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God" (**Luke 12:8-9**)

Faith only, without confession, receives "the praise of men," but not the "praise of God." It's pitiful to see people whose faith does not obey.

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Man-Made Tradition: Jesus' Death

Then the Pharisees and some of the scribes came together to Him, having come from Jerusalem. Now when they saw some of His disciples eat bread with defiled, that is, with unwashed hands, they found fault. For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands in a special way, holding the tradition of the elders. (**Mark 7:1-3**)

Some religious practices "reject the commandment of God" to keep their tradition, as Jesus said in **Mark 7:9**. Christians remember Jesus' death every first day of the week in the Lord's Supper:

For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. (**1 Corinthians 11:26; Acts 20:7**)

The churches of Christ do not wait for a man-made yearly tradition!

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11-16-2017 "We have found the Messiah" (John 1:41) – Speaks Boldly

Whether Jesus preached that great Sermon on the mount, or in Capernaum's synagogue:

The people were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. (**Matthew 7:28-29; Mark 1:22**)

There is a difference between preaching what one knows about the Scriptures, and preaching as an author of the Scriptures. Jesus said,

"The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works." (**John 14:10**)

No church or preacher today has been given that same boldness to change or privately interpret the Word of God.

But look! He speaks boldly, and they say nothing to Him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is truly the Christ? (**John 7:26**)

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Life Without God

For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God (**1 Thessalonians 4:3-5**).

God placed clean, honorable sexual relations within marriage, for:

Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge (**Hebrews 13:4**),

[for] The body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body (**1 Corinthians 6:13**).

Those whose lives are devoted only to "sexual immorality" and "passion of lust," "do not know God." Jesus will condemn those who "do not know God," and "do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ" (**2 Thessalonians 1:8**).

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