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**3-23-2015 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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**3-24-2015 Man-Made Tradition: Religious Seasons**

In Lystra, Paul told idolaters that:

[God] did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness. ([Acts 14:17](#))

After the Flood in Noah's day, yearly seasonal cycles were ordained when God said:

"While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, Winter and Summer, and day and night shall not cease."  
([Genesis 8:22](#))

But when Galatian Christians made seasons religious observances, Paul wrote:



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You observe days and months and seasons and years. I am afraid for you, lest I have labored for you in vain.  
([Galatians 4:10-11](#))

They were turning the way of Christ back “again to the weak and beggarly elements” from which they had escaped by obeying Christ ([Galatians 4:9](#)).

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**3-25-2015 Man-Made Tradition: Jesus’ Resurrection**

Jesus Christ was:

... Declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.  
([Romans 1:4](#))

Since Jesus “rose early on the first day of the week” ([Mark 16:9](#)), Christians meet together on the “first day of the week” in remembrance of His resurrection, and “break bread” to remember Jesus’ death for their sins ([Acts 20:7](#)). Because each week has a “first day” the churches of Christ remember Jesus’ Gospel every week.

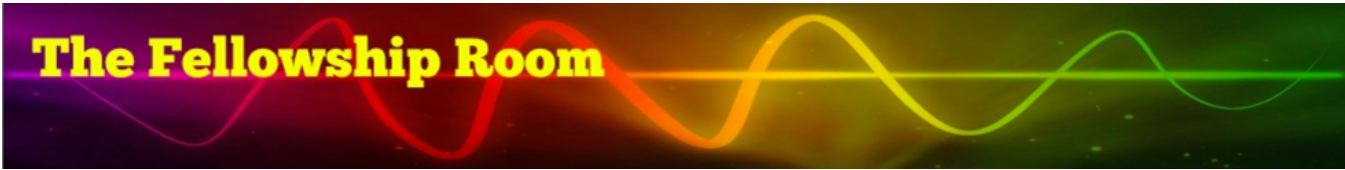
Sinners may put this Gospel into their hearts, by being “buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life” ([Romans 6:4](#)). This is not seasonal, but serious.

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**3-26-2015 “Reasons” For Abortion**

A pro-abortion advocate, gave as reasons to continue the practice that: the mother might have many trips to a Doctor, transportation costs, and extra child-care expenses, all of which are but inconveniences. In her mind, this justified



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slaughtering innocent babies, each of which would have been a further “inconvenience!”

Sadly, many mothers have been robbed of their tenderest moments, for David said:

Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with his mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me.  
([Psalm 131:2](#))

At conception:

- 1) A chemical change on the surface of the egg takes place to prevent another sperm’s penetration;
- 2) The baby’s genetic makeup is entirely complete, making a totally different individual developing.

**At this point the baby is a foreign body within the mother, who has no more moral decision to make!**

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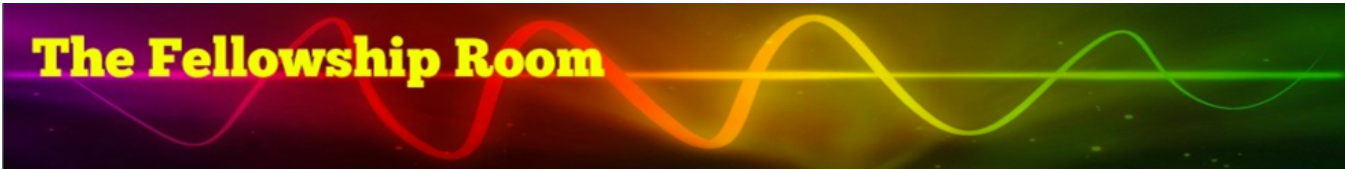


**3-27-2015 Planned Parenthood, or Murder?**

**God has always condemned Government slaughter of babies:**

- 1) The Egyptian Pharaoh demanded the death of all male babies, but Israelites “who feared God” refused ([Exodus 1:8-22](#)). God made Pharaoh release His people and destroyed Pharaoh and his army ([Exodus Chapters 8-15](#)).  
*Pharaoh’s plan was to kill boy babies upon birth!*
- 2) God’s prophet, Elisha, wept at the future actions against Israel by the king of Syria, Hazael, because he would “**dash their children, and rip open their women with child**” ([2 Kings 8:10-13](#)). God brought withering war against Syria ([Amos 1:3-5](#)) because *Hazael’s plan was to kill all babies before birth!*
- 3) Herod’s slaughter of all male children, aged 2 years old and under, in Bethlehem ([Matthew 2:13-22](#)), led to his death shortly thereafter.

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