

Is there anything you're holding onto that you need to let go of and call "rubbish" for the sake of knowing Christ as Lord?

## PRACTICAL | application to my life

1. Unnecessary traditions often start with good intentions. How can we prevent today's "practical application of God's Word" from becoming tomorrow's "tradition of men?"

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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# SERMON NOTES

Sermon Series: The Gospel of Mark

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**Message:** "God's Truth & Man's Traditions"

Crossroads Christian Church

**Text:** Mark 7: 1-13

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## "GOD'S TRUTH & MAN'S TRADITIONS"

2 Thessalonians 2:15

1. \_\_\_\_\_. Mark 7:1-5

2. \_\_\_\_\_. Mark 7:6-9

3. \_\_\_\_\_. Mark 7:10-12

CORBAN meant "\_\_\_\_\_."

4. \_\_\_\_\_. Mark 7:13

\_\_\_\_\_ can never do what a \_\_\_\_\_

with \_\_\_\_\_ will do.

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*For the week of Feb. 16, 2014.*

## QUICK REVIEW:

Looking back at your notes from this week's message, "God's Truth & Man's Traditions," was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

## HISTORICAL | getting to know me

1. Sunday's message focused on the subject of traditions. What are some of your traditions (holidays, family reunions, sporting events, etc)?

What are some traditions you see in the church?

2. How can traditions be good?

How can traditions be bad?

3. Matthew 15:3 says, "And why do you break the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition?" Perhaps you don't see yourself as someone who holds tightly to traditions. What are some things, other than traditions, that could cause us to break God's commandments?

## BIBLICAL | digging deeper into the Bible

1. We learned Sunday that man-made religion focuses on external things and ignores what's inside. Jesus couldn't have cared less about the religion and traditions of the Pharisees. His concern was their heart. Read the following verses and write down what's said about the heart of someone who knows Jesus.

- MATTHEW 22:37

- ROMANS 6:17

- 2 CORINTHIANS 9:7

- LUKE 6:45

According to Ezekiel 36:26, what will God do to a person's heart when they decide to follow Him?

Why are religious traditions so popular? What's the real reason why we often cling to our religious traditions?

2. Religion can never do what a relationship with Jesus will do. How does Matthew 23:27-28 (see Matthew 23:1-36 for context) describe what it's like when someone holds to man-made religion and tradition instead of a relationship with Jesus?

How should we address an unnecessary or unscriptural tradition in ourselves or others?

3. In Philippians 3, the Apostle Paul called his human traditions, even most of his "resume," rubbish compared to knowing Christ – having a relationship with Him. Read Philippians 3:2-11 and write down the things Paul cherished before he knew Jesus Christ.

According to Philippians 3:9, what does a relationship with Jesus give you that religion and traditions can't?