

The "T" Word

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE HAVE TO SAY?

"Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle." 2 Thessalonians 2:15

"But we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the tradition which he received from us." 2 Thessalonians 3:6

_____ VS _____

Truth comes in word [_____] or epistle [_____]

CHRISTIANITY IS MORE THAN A TEACHING; IT IS _____

Tradition: "handing down orally of customs, beliefs, stories, etc... from generation to generation"

EXAMPLES OF TRADITION IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations..." Matthew 28:19

"Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me..." Philippians 3:17

"And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also" 2 Timothy 2:2 "And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35

"And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen" John 21:25

"And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people." Matthew 4:23

OBJECTION: HOW CAN I TRUST TRADITION AS GOD-MADE?

1. WE TRUST THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL _____

"However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you." John 16:13-14

"...on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it." Matthew 16:18

2. WE TRUST IN HOLY SPIRIT WHO ______ THE BIBLE.

You can't accept ______ without _____

OBJECTION: WHAT IF PEOPLE INVENT STUFF?

Tradition is in place to ______ false teaching.

Hard Truth #1: _____ Church strayed by _____

Hard Truth #2: _____ Church strayed by _____

WHAT IS TRADITION?

"Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints." Jude 3

1. TRADITION IS THE ______ OF TRUTH

"....the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." 1 Timothy 3:15

2. TRADITION IS THE PASSING ON OF _____

"Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and your grandchildren" Deuteronomy 4:9

MY JOB = BE A _____

"You also, as LIVING STONES, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 2:5

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