

SERMON NOTES
January 22, 2023
"True Faith vs Mere Religion"
Matthew 14:34 – 15:20

Pharisees strive to P _____ their religious T _____
Jesus strives to I _____ knowledge of the L _____ God.

I. THE CONTEXT 14:34-36

Jesus knew they were U _____ Him.

II. THE HARD QUESTION 15:2

- (1) Their concern was not H _____ but R _____
- (2) The Pharisees traditions M _____ far M _____
to them then our traditions mean to us.
- (3) Pharisees assumed Jesus T _____ them to violate
the traditions.

III. THE IMPORTANT QUESTION 15:3

Jesus cares about T _____ H _____
Jesus asks the R _____ Q _____
Jesus specifies two ways for children to respect their parents.

- 1) S _____ respectfully
 - 2) Jesus says, we O _____ our parents aid in later years
A child owes O _____
A child owes R _____
A child owes C _____
A child owes C _____
- ❖ Respect and care is our D _____ to our parents.

Tradition looks at the H _____;
GOD's law examines the H _____

IV. THE DIAGNOSIS 15:7

The Pharisees slowly came to honor their O _____
T _____
Their worship became vain & W _____
The Pharisees tried to attain holiness by R _____ &
tradition leaves the H _____ untouched (Mt. 23-16-24)
L _____ -K _____
We tend to seek GOD's favor through R _____ -
K _____

We fail to C _____ the Gospel D _____.

All traditions were probably A _____ at some time.
Sometimes the W _____ or T _____ of others
become traditions.

- Thoughtless adherence I _____
- We can become C _____
- We can start to believe ours is the O _____ proper way

- 1) Anyone can lapse into L _____
❖ The legalist serves the rules
- 2) Legalism removes the need to live by GOD's S _____ &
G _____
❖ "Manageable" is the message of R _____

V. THE PLAIN TRUTH 15:10-20

Jesus was willing to offend because it was N _____
to P _____ the people

Everyone needs to know how they can & cannot attain holiness

- ❖ The direction of the heart either purifies or defiles
- ❖ The mouth & the hand S _____ what is in the heart
- 1) Jesus compares the Pharisees to B _____ men
- 2) God compares Himself to a G _____
- ❖ Jesus planted the T _____ in His disciples
 - Religious hypocrisy is not H _____
 - It must be torn up so true F _____ can take
root

CONCLUSION: True Faith

What is T _____ F _____?

- Our words A _____ real faith are not R _____ F _____

True Believers have:

- ✓ A H _____ for God
- ✓ A D _____ to know Christ in His suffering & His glory
- ✓ A desire to P _____ in His life
- ❖ It includes love for the triune God & a secret U _____
with Christ