



*Why?*

**We build churches that transform lives**

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,

**- Ephesians 5:18**

# **There is a form of religion that;**

- does not inspire or require faith but rather diminishes it**
- falls short of personal connection with God**
- has no power but rather a set of moral codes that must be obeyed**
- creates a false sense of peace but falls far short of His intent**

The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus 2 and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. 3 (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. 4 When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.

- Mark 7:1-13

5 So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?" 6 He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: "**These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. 7 They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.**' 8 You have **let go of the commands of God** and are **holding on to human traditions.**"

- Mark 7:1-13

9 And he continued, "**You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions!** 10 For Moses said, 'Honor your father and mother,' and, 'Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.' 11 But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is Corban (that is, devoted to God)— 12 then you no longer let them do anything for their father or mother. 13 Thus **you nullify the word of God by your tradition** that you have handed down. And you do many things like that."

- **Mark 7:1-13**

17 For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel— not with wisdom and eloquence, **lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.** 18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**- 1 Corinthians 1:17-18**

1 But mark this: There will be **terrible times in the last days**. 2 People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, 4 treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— 5 **having a form of godliness but denying its power**. Have nothing to do with such people.

**- 2 Timothy 3:1-5**



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- **Government** - where evil is either restrained or enabled by law
- **Education** - truth or lies are settled in the youth
- **Media** - where information is interpreted through a good or evil lens
- **Arts and Entertainment** - where values are either celebrated or distorted
- **Religion** - where a spiritual framework is developed to underpin our culture
- **Family** - where either blessings or curses are passed on to the next generation
- **Business** - where people are either building for God's glory or for their own

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16 For I am **not ashamed of the gospel**, because it is **the power of God that brings salvation** to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. 17 For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—**a righteousness that is by faith from first to last**, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”

**- Romans 1:16-17**

32 "We tell you **the good news**: What God promised our ancestors

33 he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. . . .

38 "Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that **through Jesus the**

**forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you**. 39 Through him **everyone**

**who believes** is set **free from every sin**, a justification you were not

able to obtain under the law of Moses.

- **Acts 13:32-39**

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10 This is the covenant I will establish with the people of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will **put my laws in their minds** and **write them on their hearts**. I will be their God, and **they will be my people**. 11 No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,' **because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest**. 12 For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

**- Hebrews 8:10-12**



“In the last days, God says, I will pour out **my Spirit on all people.**  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream  
dreams, your young men will see visions.

**- Acts 2:17 from Joel 2:28**

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