

Traditions



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- Must not allow them to become greater than God's word. Matt. 15:3-6
- Be merciful and do not condemn the guiltless. Matt. 12:7



All Traditions Are Not Bad

- Some are “handed down” from God. 2 Thes. 2:15; 1 Cor. 11:2
 - Must still guard against them becoming mindless rituals.
- Can be a practical help in worship.
- Sometimes help us form good habits.



Using Discernment Does Not Always Equate to Traditionalism

- Gal. 5:21; Heb. 5:12-14
- Modern dance? Rom. 13:13-14; Gal. 5:19
- Gal. 5:19-21; Matt. 5:27-28; 18:6-7 should spark discernment regarding our clothing.



Conclusion

- Let's learn to keep God's traditions, see both the danger and value of human traditions, and not dismiss sound reasoning as merely tradition.
- What about the divine tradition of baptism? Have you submitted to it?

