

## TRADITION, TRADITIONS AND TRADITIONALISM (2)

### 3. We must, at any cost, maintain Apostolic Traditions!

**2 Thessalonians 2:15** Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.

**2 Thessalonians 3:6** Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, **that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.** **2**

**Thessalonians 3:10** For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. **2 Thessalonians 3:14** And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.

**2 Timothy 3:10** But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, **2 Timothy 3:11** Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me. **2 Timothy 3:14** **But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;** **2 Timothy 3:15** And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. **2 Timothy 3:16** All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: **2 Timothy 3:17** That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

**Pastor said in an article: Traditions are bad, Bible is good!**

**So we are changing:**

- **Men & women may help serve the Lord's Supper**
- **Women may lead congregational singing**
- **We will rotate women / men / girls / boys reading the announcements**
- **We will rotate women / men / girls / boys reading the Scripture**
- **Women on the pulpit committee**
- **Church will drop divorce = disqualified for Pastor & deacons**
- **Dropping believer's baptism for taking Lord's Supper**

**He concluded by saying: None of these changes really needs to be made!**

**Certain language is used for Apostolic Tradition:**

**Tradition / "what" is handed down / passed down (παράδοσις, εως, ή):**

**2 Thessalonians 2:15** Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold **the traditions (τὰς παραδόσεις)** which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.

**2 Thessalonians 3:6** Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not **after the tradition (κατὰ τὴν παράδοσιν)** which he received (παρέλαβον παρ' ἡμῶν) of us.

**1 Corinthians 11:2** Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep **the ordinances (τὰς παραδόσεις)**, as I delivered (καθὼς παρέδωκα) them to you.

**To receive (παραλαμβάνω):**

**To hand over / down / to deliver / (to betray in other contexts) (παραδίδωμι):**

**1 Corinthians 11:23** For I have received (Ἐγὼ γὰρ παρέλαβον) of the Lord that which also I delivered (παρέδωκα) unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed (παρεδίδοτο) took bread:

**1 Corinthians 15:3** For I delivered (Παρέδωκα) unto you first of all that which I also received (παρέλαβον), how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

**Jude 3** Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for **the faith which was once delivered unto the saints (τῇ ἅπαξ παραδοθείσῃ τοῖς ἁγίοις πίστει).**

**1 Timothy 6:20** O Timothy, **keep that which is committed (τὴν παραθήκην φύλαξον)** to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:

**2 Timothy 1:12** For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able **to keep that which I have committed** (τὴν παραθήκην μου φυλάξει) unto him against that day. **2 Timothy 1:13** Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. **2 Timothy 1:14** That good thing **which was committed** (παραθήκην φύλαξον) unto thee **keep** by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.

**Titus 1:9** Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, **that** he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

**“Never take a fence down until you know why it was put up! Fences not only keep things out, they also keep things in.”**

**Have you ever tried to:**

- Start something you have stopped?
- Disallowed something you have allowed?
- Go back when you have gone forward?
- Say no when you have said yes before?
- Disagree when you have agreed?

#### **4. We can only change some traditions with the greatest care!**

Not Apostolic traditions

Very rarely application tradition

Cultural traditions?

Carefully	Slowly	Delicately
Scripturally	Corporately	Clearly → when it is very clear!

Once the horse is out of the barn and off the farm we can't even imagine...:

#### **5. Traditions cannot be eliminated but only exchanged - for other traditions!**

You cannot exist without traditions (the way you do things)

Traditions can be good, better, and

Traditions can be bad, worse, and

However, there is no such thing as

**Job 12:1** And Job answered and said, **Job 12:2 No doubt** but ye are the people, **And** wisdom shall die with you.

**Job 12:3** But I have understanding as well as you; I am not inferior to you: Yea, who knoweth not such things as these?

**Job 13:1** Lo, mine eye hath seen all this, Mine ear hath heard and understood it.

**Job 13:2** What ye know, the same do I know also: I am not inferior unto you.

**Job 13:3** Surely I would speak to the Almighty, And I desire to reason with God.

**Job 13:4** But ye are forgers of lies, Ye are all physicians of no value.

**Job 13:5** O that ye would altogether hold your peace! **And** it should be your wisdom.

**Any change in traditions results in traditions.**

**When old traditions are torn down they are merely replaced with new traditions.**

**New, non-Biblical traditions will merely need to be replaced by someone in the future!!!**