

Cornerstone Community Fellowship

“Twisting the Truth” (1/5/24)

A. THE **CHARGE** BY THE PHARISEES (Mark 7:1-5)

1. “*who had come from Jerusalem*” –
2. “*gathered around Jesus*” –
3. “*hands that were unclean*” –

THE POINT – Hygiene was not the issue.

THE PRACTICE –It made mealtime elaborate and meticulous.

THE PROBLEM

1. It was linked into a salvation issue.
2. Over time the Jewish people began to measure their spiritual condition in terms of external conformity

THE PRINCIPLE - Do not judge other people by your traditions.

BOTTOM LINE - There are good reasons to adopt some new traditions, there are good reasons to hold on to some older traditions, and there are good reasons to let go of some other traditions.

B. THE **COUNTERCHARGE** BY JESUS (Mark 7:6-13)

1. The indictment (vs 6-8)

- a. “*Isaiah was right*” –
- b. “*you hypocrites*” –
- c. “*let go of*” –
- d. “*holding on to*” –

THE POINT –If you are here this morning and believe some action on your part is the basis for salvation, then you are in a very precarious position. (Matthew 7:21-23)

2. The illustration (vs 9-13)

- a. The commandment –
- b. the loophole –
- c. “*you nullify the Word of God*” –

Conclusion –

Are you living by truth or by tradition?