

Sunday, May 19, 2024
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“Are You Washed?”

Matthew 15:1-20

Today's BIG IDEA:

Jesus wants heartfelt obedience, not religious charades.

1. Are we following God's _____ or preserving our _____? (v.1-9)

(Exodus 20:4; 21:17; Isaiah 29:13)

- *We must be careful not to ignore God's instructions for the sake of continuing our traditions.*

2. Are we more concerned about obeying the _____ or offending _____? (v.10-14)

- *God's pleasure is much more satisfying than man's praise.*

3. Are we inwardly _____ or just outwardly _____? (v.15-20)

(Matthew 27:24)

- *You might fool man with a religious act, but you'll never fool God. He sees the condition of your heart.*

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. What are some man-made “traditions” that Christians tend to cling to that might hinder our walk with Jesus? How can we honor tradition without making an idol of it?
2. Who are some people that we are afraid of offending? How does this hinder us from living out our faith? How can we overcome that fear?
3. How can we keep from allowing our faith to devolve into religious hypocrisy? How can we ensure that we don't just have “clean hands” and instead have pure hearts?