

Here is Our King!

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Ritual Busters
Matthew 15:1-20

Matthew 15: 1-6

The Washing of Hands ...

They came from Jerusalem ...

What's the issue here?

- Ceremonial washing
 - o Not an issue of _____
 - o Not just _____
 - o Oral law = Traditions
 - o Serious religious offense

Jesus counters with a question –

- Why do you break the Law for the Oral law?
 - o _____ – the gift that hurts
 - o We must not use “Religion” to suit _____
 - o Who is hurt here?

Matthew 15:7-20

The Difference Between Legalism and Discipline

Discipline's intent is to _____ to God ...

Legalism's intent is to _____ of closeness to God, but creates relational distance with God.

Discipline develops holiness _____.

Legalism promotes _____ holiness without the ability to _____ change.

Discipline develops godly _____.

Legalism leads to _____.

Implications of Jesus' Statement:

- Ceremonial hand washings no longer hold the same weight.
- _____ are no longer necessary. (**Mark 7:19**)
- Jesus is concerned with the Spiritually Unclean here – matters that affect the _____.

21st Century Legalism in Contrast to Spiritual Transformation

October Memory Verse -- James 1:2-3 (HCS) Consider it a great joy, my brothers, whenever you experience various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.