

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

TEACHINGS FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

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PART 3: BREAKING HUMAN TRADITION

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God had never told the children of Israel that people outside the family of God could not be saved or that they did not have souls. Look at these facts:

- Adam and Eve were not Jews. **Genesis 1:26-27, 2:7, 21-25**
- Enoch was not a Jew. **Hebrews 11:5**
- Noah was not a Jew. **Hebrews 11:7**
- Abraham was not a Jew. **Genesis 11:27-28**
- Job was not a Jew. **Job 1:1**
- Ruth was a Moabite. **Ruth 1:1-18**
- Ruth is listed in the genealogy of Joseph. **Matthew 1:5**

WHAT GOD DID SAY

The children of Israel were not to go whoring after idols and marry people who worshiped idols. **Exodus 34:12-17; Deuteronomy 7:3-6**

MAN CREATES TEACHINGS NOT FOUND IN THE BIBLE

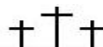
It was in Babylon that the Jewish rabbis developed the Talmud – traditions of men – and set up their own religious system. Jesus outright rejected the Talmud and Cabbala and told the Jewish leadership exactly what he thought about their traditions (**Matthew 15:1-14**). It is in the Talmud and the Cabbala that Jewish rabbis teach that Gentiles do not have a soul; they are like animals, simply to be used and killed like cattle. Despite the teachings of Jesus, the Jewish believers in Christ had a hard time giving up the teaching of the elders.

THE APOSTLE PETER WAS REBUKED

- After the great revival meeting in Joppa, Peter returned to Jerusalem and was confronted at once by Jewish believers. **Acts 11:1-3**
- Peter responded to them. **verses 4-17**
- They accepted the truth and started to rejoice. **verse 18**
- But the majority of the believing Jews still refused to share the Gospel with the Gentiles. **verse 19**

IT TOOK TIME FOR THE CHURCH TO BE OBEDIENT

- The Holy Spirit had some obedient believing Jews. **verses 20-24**
- Barnabas went after Saul. **verses 25-26**



- ❑ Even though Peter was used by God to break the barrier against the Gentiles, the Talmud was deeply ingrained in him. **Galatians 2:7-21**

IT TOOK AN APOSTOLIC MEETING TO SETTLE THE MATTER

- ❑ Men are stubborn and refuse to bow to God; we drag our feet and hang on for dear life to our customs. **Acts 15:1-31**
- ❑ The Apostle Paul summed up this issue once and for all. **Galatians 3:26-29**

SATAN KEEPS BUILDING TRADITIONS

- ❑ Emperor Constantine and his underlings built a system which the Bible calls for the Great Whore, but among men it is known as the Roman Catholic Church (**Revelation 17:1-6**). This whore begat daughters known as the Greek Orthodox Church, the Russian Orthodox Church, the Anglican Church and the Episcopal Church.
- ❑ Mohammad mixed traditions from Judaism, the Roman Catholic Church and his own perverted desires and started what is known today as Islam.
- ❑ William Miller and Ellen G. White cooked up their own doctrine and mixed it in with the Bible and founded the Seventh Day Adventist Churches.
- ❑ Joseph Smith used teachings from the Bible, Indian occult teachings, Freemasonic traditions, occultism, mixed it with his own sexual perversion, and gave birth to the Mormon religion.
- ❑ Charles Taze Russell took a little from the Adventists, produced his own Bible version, and gave birth to the hellish religion of Jehovah's Witnesses.

THIS IS WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS

There have been tens of thousands of men and women over the centuries that have cooked up religions. Here is what the Bible teaches:

- ❑ Jesus said – **Matthew 24:4-13, 24**
- ❑ The Apostle Paul said – **Galatians 1:6-9**
- ❑ The Apostle Peter said – **2 Peter 2:1-3**
- ❑ The Apostle John said – **2 John 7-11**
- ❑ The risen Christ said – **Revelation 22:16-21**

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?

Is your belief system based only on the Bible or is it mixed up with traditions from men? Remember, unless your house is built upon the solid Rock of Jesus Christ, it will not stand when you are called before God! **Matthew 7:21-27**

Do you have an ear to hear with?