

Holding Fast

“For laying aside the commandments of God, ye hold the traditions of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.”

Mark 7:8

OUTLINE

INTRODUCTION

HOLD FAST TO - PROPER
DOCTRINE

HOLD FAST TO – GOD’S
WORD

HOLD FAST TO – GOOD
(GOD’S VIEW)

CONCLUSION

INVITATION

INTRODUCTION

- Hold Fast – (Idiom) meaning to firmly grasp or cling to something/someone both literally and metaphorically, symbolizing determination, strength, and loyalty.
(thevillageidiom.org)
- Holding fast demonstrates our obedience and love for God.

We Must
HOLD FAST
to Proper
Doctrine

Is going to church a ceremony?

Mark 7: v. 3 – holding

v. 5 – walking

v. 7 – teaching

v. 9 – keeping

- Paul is an example of such

Judaism. **Galatians 1:11-14**

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What is the end result?

- Colossians 2:8- Man's doctrines will "spoil" us seeing Heaven.
- Romans 10:2- Man's righteousness is not God's righteousness.
- Titus 1:14- Man's commandments "turn us from the truth."

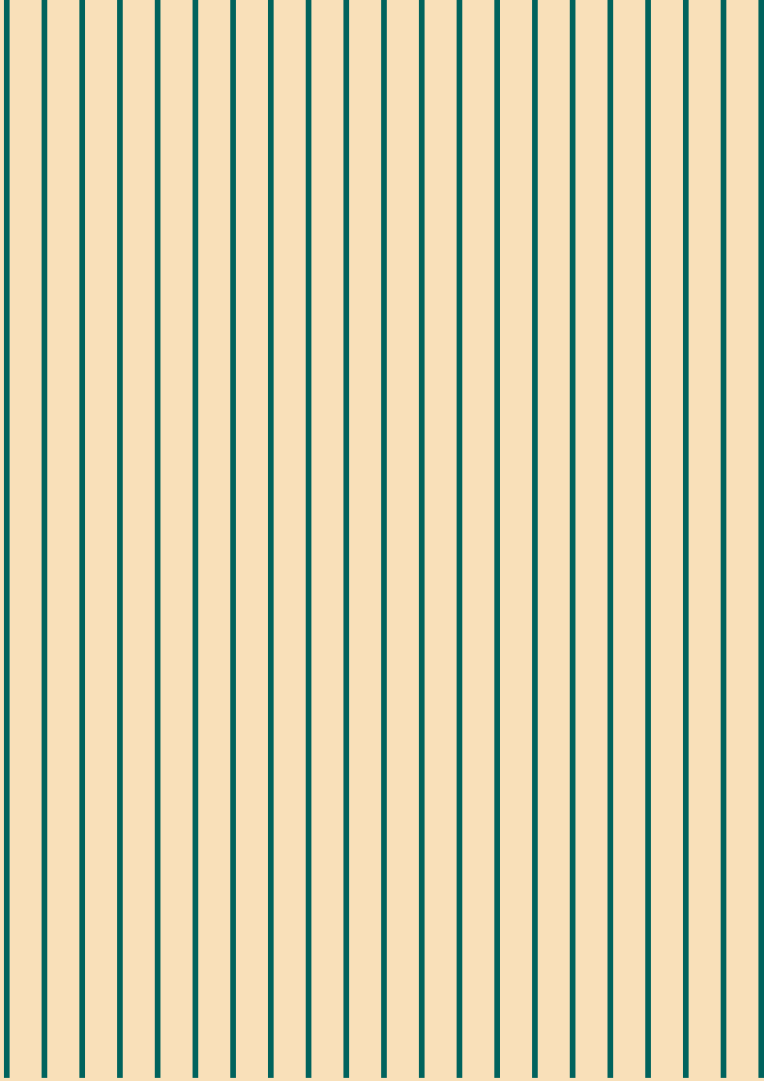
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1 Corinthians 11:2

“Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep (hold fast ASV) the ordinances, as I delivered them to you.”

2 Thessalonians 2:15

“...hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.”



We Must Hold Fast to God's Word

Luke 8:15 – ASV, ESV – “hold it fast”
(keeping/working)

Philippians 3:12-14 – follow Christ,
forget the past, reach for God
(he has the future)

EXAMPLE: **Acts 9:1-22**

Titus 1:9 – faithful word comes by
sound doctrine

**We Must Hold
Fast to God's
Word**

- The word of the world (promises/beliefs) “passes away”
1 John 2:17
- **Hebrews 10:23** – “Let us hold fast the profession of our faith...”

- **Hebrews 3:6** – “But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.”

We Must Hold Fast to Good (God's View)

- **1 Thessalonians 5:21-22** – “Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil.”
- **1 Peter 3:11** – “Let him eschew evil; and do good; let him seek peace and ensue it.”
- **1 Timothy 1:8** – God's law is good. “Holding fast” the law (keeping/doing) means that we defend the gospel, reject error, and remain living faithfully.

We Must Hold Fast to Good (God's View)

- **Romans 12:9** – We cannot live (in the flesh) a good enough life to get to Heaven.
- **God's Remedy:**
 - **James 1:12** – Develop a spiritual perception.
 - **1 Peter 1:13** – Act different than the world.
 - **1 Peter 2:11-12** – Live different than the world.

Conclusion

What do you hold
fast?

What do you cleave
to?



INVITATION

NEED JESUS?

- Hear the Word
- Believe the Word
- Repent of Sin
- Confess Christ
- Submit to Baptism
- Live Faithfully

NEED TO RETURN?

Repent Your Sin

Confess Your Sin

Pray to God for Forgiveness

Live Righteously