

# Matthew 14:34-15:20

## Gospel of the Messiah & His Kingdom Come

Pharisaic Judaism's ignorance of Yahweh leads to clean hands and filthy hearts.

# CLEAN HANDS, FILTHY HEARTS

## Jesus Rebukes/Rejects Pharisaic Judaism

The Scribes and Pharisees dishonor Yahweh by elevating the commandments of men to the same level of authority as the Word of God.<sup>1</sup>

The Scribes and Pharisees use the *tradition of the elders* to justify breaking Yahweh's command to honor fathers and mothers. In addition, they horribly dishonor Yahweh by using Him as the reason for their transgression when, in fact, they are serving themselves.<sup>2</sup>

The Scribes and Pharisees misrepresent Yahweh's righteousness as externalism - outward conformity to the Law without regard to the condition of one's soul. Yahweh's righteousness is an internal rightness of the soul flowing from a growing right understanding of Yahweh's character and a growing desire driven by love to be like Him.

The Scribes' and Pharisees' relationship with Yahweh was driven by FEAR: FEAR that Yahweh would again drive the nation from the land.

The Scribes and Pharisees did not seem to understand that Yahweh is LOVE

<sup>1</sup> The *tradition of the elders*, *Mishnah* and *Oral Law* all refer to the same collection of man-made laws and interpretations meant to build a fence around and prevent violations of the 613 commandments of the Mosaic Law.

<sup>2</sup> *Korban* is a provision in the *tradition of the elders* by which a person may, through a vow, dedicate something to the exclusive use of Yahweh. In the case of the Pharisees, the dedicated item was still available to them as "servants of Yahweh", though not to others.

# YAHWEH GOD WANTS TO RENOVATE YOUR HEART! HE WANTS TO TRANSFORM YOUR CHARACTER TO BE MORE AND MORE THE CHARACTER OF JESUS!!

thoughtless religious ritual does not lead to  
heart change

## The Way of Heart Change

**1** BE BORN AGAIN

**2** BE DISCIPLED BY SOMEONE WHO WILL HELP YOU...

- Renew Your Mind through thoughtful study and response to God's Word.
- Pray
- Serve Jesus using your spiritual gifts to buildup His Church.
- Share Jesus' story with others who need a heart change.

**3** DISCIPLE OTHERS AS YOU WERE DISCIPLED

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### NEWS & NEEDS

- Today and Next Sunday: Operation Christmas Child on the patio. \$25.00 to pack a box.
- Celebration of Life for Jerry Maloche: Nov. 22, 11 am. Luncheon to follow.
- Baby Dedication Class: Dec. 7, 10 am, Upstairs Conference Room.
- Ladies Bible Study: *Keeping Your Heart Free In Jesus*. See Cathy Nelson to sign up.
- Ladies Christmas Gala: December 12 & 13. Sign up on the app! Men - We need servers! See Al Lerma on the patio!
- VOM: Disposable antiseptic wipes, individually wrapped.
- The Security Team is looking for a few volunteers! Must be over 21. Text Jeff McEntee at (760) 822-6785.
- Visit the tables on the patio today for information about our Helping Hands ministry.