

GENERATIONS CHURCH

GOAL TONIGHT

Our goal tonight is New Testament proof of an established teaching in the church, and Paul's expectation that everyone would adhere to it.

LENS TO READ VERSES THROUGH TONIGHT

Paul taught a body of truth to the church, as taught to him by Jesus and other disciples. In his early letters he called this patterns, traditions, instructions, and commandments. Later moving to "sound doctrine". Focus on how Paul understood these truths, how he passed them on, and what he believed about everyone adhering to them (being normative).

TRADITION

2 Thessalonians 2:15

2 Thessalonians 3:6

1 Corinthians 11:2 (see below)

OTHER TRADITIONS

Matthew 15:2-3

Mark 7:8-9

Galatians 1:14

Colossians 2:8

DELIVERED

1 Corinthians 11:2 (see above)

1 Corinthians 11:23-24

1 Corinthians 15:3

SOUND DOCTRINE

1 Timothy 6:1-3

2 Timothy 1:13-14

Titus 2:1

QUESTIONS

1. How did Paul view the traditions, patterns, and sound doctrine, he was delivering to the churches? How important was it to Paul? To what degree did he expect it to be followed?
2. What did Paul understand was the source of these instructions (doctrine) for the churches? Did Paul recognize other traditions that were not right, and what was the difference?
3. Can Paul's traditions (instructions, commandments, patterns, and sound doctrines) be systematized for the church today? For all centuries?
4. How does the average church today view these instructions, commandments, teachings, traditions, and doctrines? What might be some of the reasons that people minimize them in our churches today?