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THE RUDIMENTS OF DEAD WORKS

“So, my brothers and sisters, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God.”

Romans 7:4

FOR YOU: The modern church is based on ordinances and rudiments of the flesh that has prevented it from achieving its perfection. These ordinances are the reason for many conflicts and multiple divisions of church throughout the years. And, it's all because of the lack of knowledge. The old system or the old rules known as religious tradition have established twisted teachings that have transformed the preaching of good news into a catechism of fear. Our calling is to teach people knowledge so through this knowledge people can be set free of the rudiments and be confident about their own relationship with God. Tradition stops people from progressing and growing. Every tradition is flawed and blocks our walk with God. What we need to do as reformers of the “Last Protestant Reformation” is to let people know that we don't have to follow Christ from his *old flesh* period anymore. Christ during his days of flesh went through of all kind of sufferings to fulfill the Mosaic Law, but today He is the Risen Christ!

Paul Made a Call For Us To Move Beyond The Elementary Principles of the Doctrine of Christ (The Rudiments) and To Walk Towards Perfection

— There are more superior and deeper doctrines than the Christ's doctrine when being in his flesh, fulfilling the law. (Hebrews 6: 1-3)

— Christ has brought us freedom. (Galatians 5:1)

Jesus During his Flesh Period Has Called Up Jews

— Jews preaching to Jews. (Matthew 10: 5-6)

Jesus Resurrected Has Called Gentiles

— For the Gentiles, God has raised someone specific. (Acts 22: 21)

The Rudiments Were a Shadow of Things Until The Time of The New Order For All Things Come

— Food and regulations until the time for the new order only. (Hebrews 9:10)

— No one can judge because of the rudiments. (Colossians 2: 16-17)

— We died with Christ to the elemental spiritual forces of this world. (Colossians 2: 20-23)

— Let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ, and be taken forward to maturity. (Hebrews 6:1)

The Rudiment of Baptism in Water Was a Shadow of The True Baptism in the Holy Spirit

— The baptism in the water it was to redeem the sins. (Mark 1:4)

— The baptism of the Holy Spirit puts the believer dies to sin. (1 Peter 2:24; Romans 6:1-14)

— The baptism in water was a shadow that disappeared. (John 3:25-36; Matthew 3:11-12)

— Jesus didn't baptize in water. (John 4:2)

— God did not call Paul to baptize. (1 Co 1:17)

— We are all baptized in Christ by the Holy Spirit. (Galatians 3:27; 1 Co 12:13)

- Paul has dismissed the baptism in water from the list of the church. (Ephesians 4:5)
- The anointing received from Him remains in our lives forever. (1 John 2:20-27)

“Since you died with Christ to the elemental spiritual forces of this world, why, as though you still belonged to the world, do you submit to its rules.” Colossians 2:20

Fasting – In past years Christians used fasting as a reason to make requests to God. The spirit that practices fasting is the law; fasting is something that comes from Catholic Church because the sacrifice is part of the Roman church, the novenas, the absence of food, etc. The evangelical traditions absorb the sacrificial offering where people isolate themselves; spending hours kneeling, deprive themselves from wellbeing, sacrificing their lives for poor vows, celibacy, etc. This is not the sacrificial offering described in the bible! We don't believe in fasting as a source of power or spiritual improvement. Nowadays evangelicals are fasting to create a spiritual experience, fables and tales, using this argument to say that the fast is the weapon against Satan. But the only weapon against him was the sacrifice Jesus Christ made on the Cross. The Pharisees also fasted to have spiritual experiences and use it as a reason to make them proud.

Fasting Was a Jewish Custom

- Jesus disciples didn 't fast. (Luke 5:33)
- Jesus replies to Pharisees. (Luke 5:34)
- John Baptist's disciples followed the rites of law. (Matthew 9:14)
- Jesus tied fasting to suffer, sadness, grief, pain and crises. Those are some of the reasons why the Jews used to fast. (Matthew 9:15)
- “We cannot confuse the old Judaism system with the grace of God. The old covenant can't resist the power of the new covenant, and for the other hand, the new covenant cannot accept the mixture between what was old and what is new. Or we follow the grace of God or the old Mosaic law. There's no place for both at the same time”.

Matthew 9:16-17

The fast that we've chosen is the biblical model

- Jesus wants us to break with everything that afflicts our souls. This is the true fasting that God has command it. (Isaiah 58: 5-7)

The lack of knowledge makes us to think that there's a kind of demon that only goes ways if we pray and fast

- Jesus didn't have yet defeat the Evil, and nor put the demon in a chain for his final trial. The word "fasting" is not included in the original Greek. (Hebrews 2:14; Jude 6; Mark 9:29)

Apostle Paul's Fasting Was Part of His Suffering for The Love of Gospel

- Paul has been arrested, been beaten, been stoned, was shipwrecked, been worked much harder, been flogged. He have known hunger and thirst, and have been cold and naked. (2 Co 11: 21-23)

Other verses as references:

Titus 1:14; 1 Timothy 1:4; 1 Timothy 4: 8-9; Galatians 3:10; Hebrews 13:9; Galatians 2:16; Romans 14:23, Romans 11:6)

- "So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer." (2 Corinthians 5:16)

Let's Evince What the Bibles Called as Dead Works: The Dead Works Are

Every Action Devoid of Life, and Therefore, it Can add Nothing to a Christian's Life, Because it's Produced by The Flesh. For Instance:

- Saturday – Is the Jewish day for resting. Our resting day, for the other hand, our *Sabbath* day is Jesus. (Colossians 2:16; Hebrews 4: 9-10)
- Food and Feed – In this world there's only one dignify thing to be pursued: God's knowledge. (Colossians 2:16; Hebrews 9:10)
- Jewish celebration
- Washing feet was proof of humbleness (John 13: 1-20)
- Parameters and collar clerical
- Ecclesial clothing and stoles
- Sick unction
- Laying of hands
- Sacrifices and rites – vows, shave heads, purification (Acts 21: 23-24)
- Corporal exercises – fasting, vigil, spend hours kneeling (Colossians 2:16-23)
- Celebration dates – Christians, Easter, Pentecost, Jewish feasts (Colossians 2:16)
- New Moon celebration – creates superstitions
- Crucifix with Christ symbolized
- Extreme unction – has no spiritual value; it's a Roman ritual
- Ribbons – superstitions
- Oil unction, candies, rue, soaps, unction clothing
- Sulphur, blood, chains, salt, rose petals, tissues, water of Jordan, week of Gideon, Isaac, Josaphat, Moses, David – they are all spurious ways to trade with the christians, annulling the grace of God and depreciate the new covenant.
- Commandments of men – banning haircuts, nail polish, makeups, waxing etc.

FINAL WORDS – Our ministry was created to bring people knowledge. And, through it, we can all be free of the rudiments and be confident about our election in Christ. That is why in every service preached you gradually grow more in the knowledge and grace. When we study the bible to learn more from God and His scriptures we are not only sedimenting our spiritual lives but becoming more mature, spiritually. It is important to remember that Judaism was a religion of elementary things. But Christianity is deeper than the Jewish law, and Paul's teachings came to print a new character of spiritual maturity in our lives, surpassing the legalistic principles.