

United in... Wait, What?
1 Corinthians 11:2-16, Pew Bible p. 958
April 24, 2022

I. The Meaning of Church Tradition (V. 2-3)

A. The difference between good traditions and bad traditions:

1. Good traditions express or honor the commandments of God.
2. Bad traditions corrupt or replace the commandments of God.

B. Church tradition can unify the church by expressing and honoring the commandments of God in specific ways.

II. The Effect of Church Tradition (V. 4-16)

A. Church tradition can change over time:

1. When it starts to function as commandments of God
2. When it no longer expresses or honors commandments of God

B. Church tradition can be the natural result of the everyday discipleship efforts of its members.

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read 1 Corinthians 11:2-16.
2. What is church tradition? Why does the Bible often think highly of it, according to verse 2? Are there times when the Bible thinks little of it? Why?
3. What are some church traditions you observe? What commandments or truth of God do they express or honor, as verse 3 says about head coverings?
4. Even though church tradition is not the same as commandments from God, are they still good to follow? Why?
5. Do head coverings in verses 4-7 still apply to men and women today? Why?
6. What are some Christian traditions/disciplines/customs passed down to you by spiritual mentors that may not be commandments, but you do them even today because of their influence on your life? How has that helped shape you into the Christian you are today?
7. Pray for our church, that we would have a healthy view of church tradition so that it unites us and also never replaces actual commandments. Consider attending our Zoom Prayer Meeting every Sunday at 7 pm. Register at the church website at www.apollobaptist.org to receive the meeting link.

Church Bible Reading Plan

Bible Reading Plan: 2 Timothy 3-4

April Memory Verses: 1 Timothy 1:15-17



1 John 4:10-12 (ESV)

¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

BEFORE Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

If you have not done so already, register from the www.apollobaptist.org home page by clicking the image for the Prayer Meeting. Register with your name and email address. This registration will last through 8/7/2022. Click on the emailed Zoom link at the time of the Prayer Meeting.

Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

- PRAYING for our Family Fun Day/Día del Niño on April 30th to help our church connect with families in the community.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain, Steve & Joy V. in Turkey, Comfort J. in Nigeria, Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona, Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia, Sylvia M. at ASU West, Arizona, Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand, and Jules S. in Thailand
- PRAY for all our students: elementary, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an on-line setting, or a home school setting our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:
Terry H. (brother), Matthew M. (uncle), Family of Genny M., Beverly T. (husband, Al), and LeRoy H. (wife, Kay)
- Those struggling with on-going health and other issues:
Michelle L. (health issues), Mary R. (dialysis needed until kidney transplant), Debbie B. (awaiting medical tests), Leon V. (chemo), Ann C.-W. (health issues), Marie B's husband (gaining strength), Debbie P. (healing/improved health), Twila D. (stroke), Wayne D. (declining health), Rebekah R.'s father, Keith B. (recovering from open-heart surgery), Ken & Darlene R. (health issues), and Marge D. (bruised ribs after fall)
- Others that you are aware of