

Commands or culture?

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Introduction

1. 1 Corinthians 9:19-22
2. Many questions are in regard to culture and what we do today in the church.
3. Some asked some important questions about culture and how can we tell the difference.
4. Paul in them above passage said that there were some things that did not matter; that could be set aside and he would do that to win souls to Christ.
5. Let us study together some important matters concerning this subject.

II Discussion

1. Law or lack of law that is the question.
 - A. Matthew 16:18-19; 18:18 can we bind and loose?
 - i. The Pharisees made laws where God did not intend to make laws. Matthew 5:21, 27, 31, 38, 43; 12:10; 15:3
 - ii. Judaizing teachers took something too far. Acts 15:1; 22-24; 16:3; Galatians 2:3-5
 - B. We can too.
 - i. Cup Matthew 26:26-28 not a cup but the cup, then has to be just one! Not many! What about the bread, where's the container?
 - ii. Supporting out of the church treasury. 1 Timothy 5:3; Acts 6; who was taking care of these widows.
 - C. Can we let a man who has many wives keep them? 1 Corinthians 7:10
2. Does the Gospel change with the seasons.
 - A. Romans 12:1-2; Galatians 1:6-9; Jude 3; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; Romans 1:16
 - B. No the Gospel does not change!
3. Commands are here forever.
 - A. Culture does not and cannot change the Gospel!
 - B. Notice something about foot washing. John 13:
 1. Genesis 18:4; 24:32; 43:24 Exodus 30:19,21 Judges 19:21 1 Samuel 25:41 2 Samuel 11:8
 - C. Notice something about the kiss of greeting.
 1. Romans 16:16 not the kind of greeting but the how of the greeting.
 2. Genesis 27:26; Genesis 31:28; 1 Kings 19:20; Matthew 26:48
 - D. The idea of women are set in principles from creation and are exclusive of the church. 1 Corinthians 11:9-12; 14:33-34; 1 Timothy 2:8-15

III Conclusion

1. Just because someone says that culture has changed does not mean that biblical truths change, they remain the same.
2. The truth is that we must be baptized to be saved, have you been baptized for the right reason?
3. Then why not do so now

Sources: personal email, A Universal code of Ethics; Rightly Dividing the Word II;