

SERMON NOTES

STEP BY STEP – SPIRITUAL TOOLBOX - TRADITION (Church's doctrine, polity, worship)

Sermon Title: What is the Point?

Scripture: Mark 7:1-7

SUMMARY: The way “we always do this” may hinder doing what is best for the individual, group, institution or church growth. Ritual or tradition may become so complex and elaborate that the original meaning becomes lost. The ancient church is celebrated and revered as well as the church today. The writings of Christians through the centuries enhance our worldview as we learn from God's people, and take courage and confidence in the faithfulness of God that continues to speak to us beyond the biblical age. Do we elevate tradition to do what we know or what is comfortable?

1. Tradition is defined...
2. Tradition may lead to an “us” or “them” worldview.
3. Tradition offers a roadmap when direction is needed.
4. Observers may wonder about the origin of some “church traditions.”
5. Tradition offers opportunity to invite, teach, learn and grow in unity.
6. The church has rich and wonderful traditions to offer the community and culture.

7. MY THOUGHTS