

Mark 7:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.

Analysis

Mark 7:8 This passage continues Mark's fast-paced narrative demonstrating Jesus' divine authority, miraculous power, and confrontation with religious establishment. The theological themes include Christ's deity, sacrificial mission, call to discipleship, and inauguration of God's kingdom. Reformed interpretation emphasizes sovereign grace, substitutionary atonement, and transformation through regeneration.

Historical Context

First-century Palestinian Jewish context under Roman occupation shapes the narrative. Archaeological discoveries confirm Gospel accounts' historical accuracy. Ancient sources (Josephus, Tacitus) corroborate biblical timeline and cultural details. Early church fathers interpreted these Christologically, seeing Old Testament fulfillment and New Covenant establishment.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does this verse reveal Christ's person and work in redemptive history?
2. What transformation should this truth produce in your thinking, affections, and behavior?

Interlinear Text

ἀφέντες γὰρ τὴν ἐντολὴν τοῦ θεοῦ κρατεῖτε τὴν
laying aside For the commandment of God ye hold
G863 G1063 G3588 G1785 G3588 G2316 G2902 G3588

παράδοσιν τῶν ἀνθρώπων βαπτισμοὺς ξεστῶν καὶ
the tradition of men as the washing of pots and
G3862 G3588 G444 G909 G3582 G2532

ποτηρίων· καὶ ἄλλὰ παρόμοια τοιαῦτα πολλὰ ποιεῖτε
cups and other like things such many ye do
G4221 G2532 G243 G3946 G5108 G4183 G4160

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