

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

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