

RIGHT TRADITION

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There is one right tradition to follow, all other variants are alterations to the truth.

There is a Biblical tradition, which is the teachings and ordinances of the Church, which have passed down from the apostles to the present day. There are also wrong traditions. “Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.” (2 Thessalonians 3:6).

Proper tradition is orderly, it is consistent with the name of Jesus and it is received in the Church. Anyone who claims to be against tradition or religion in Church is wrong, unless they mean false religion and false tradition.

Proper tradition is consistent with God’s character: “For I *am* the LORD, I change not” (Malachi 3:6a). The Lord is the same, and likewise, what He commands is also the same. That is why He said, “For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book.” (Revelation 22:18, 19).

Christians should receive the traditional text of the English Bible, which has been supplied through the Church, and is available this very day. Likewise, people should be water baptised, take the Lord’s Supper, continue in Church fellowship, participate in singing and all such things, which are good and correct traditions.

Tradition itself is not a bad thing, but bad things have been made into traditions.