December 9, 2012 Dr. Mark D. Cain Questions Jesus Asks You

## When Traditions Clash With Truth Matthew 15: 1-20

(Pew Bible p. 974)

<u>Jesus' Question</u>: Why do you yourselves transgress the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition? Matt. 15:3

Or

Why do you prioritize your tradition over God's truth?

Note: Differentiate between *conviction* and *preference*.

CONVICTION – An absolute standard based on direct statements of Scripture (not inferences), Galatians 1:6-9.

PREFERENCE – One choice from a variety options none of which are wrong in and of themselves, Romans 14.

## Jesus' Answer:

- 1. You don't value and trust God's Word as the sufficient authority.
- 2. You don't prioritize the internals before the externals.

## Press God's Word into your heart, worship and life.

Looking ahead – Read Matthew 7:1-6 in preparation.