

Traditions of the Elders

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Gennesaret



Caesarea Philippi

Chorazin

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Bethsaida

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GALILEE TABOR

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Scythopolis

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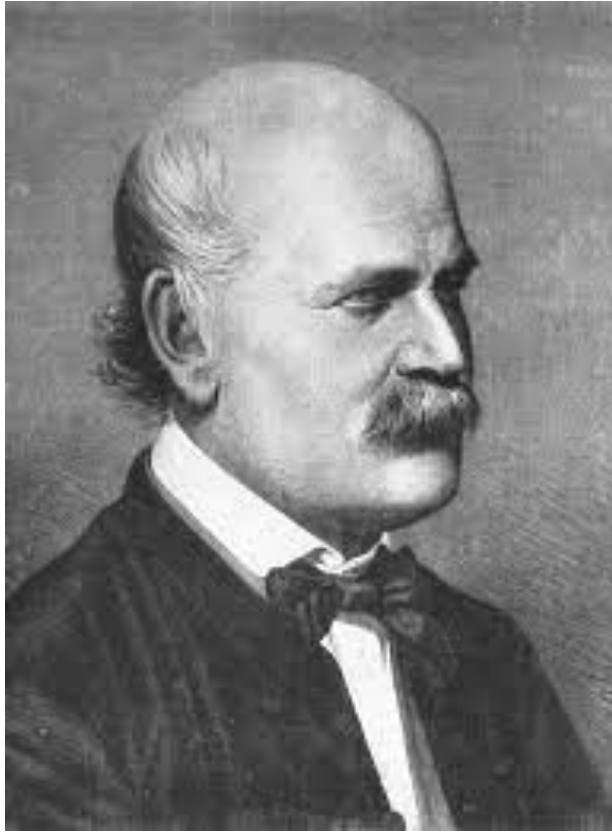
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1. Baptism was given to us from God
(**Luke 20:4**).

VS. Hand washing was a tradition that started in the hearts of men.

2. Baptism is the burial of our old self and resurrection of a new man
(**Romans 6:3-4**).

VS. Hand washing too much makes your hands pruny.

3. Baptism is an appeal to God for a good conscience (**1 Pet 3:21**).

VS. Hand washing is an appeal to your Pharisee friends to look righteous and pious

4. Baptism is a circumcision made without hands (**Col 2:11**), a circumcision (cutting off) of the [old] heart.

VS. Hand washing is a great way to coddle your immune system.*

*could not verify all facts about hand washing

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Gal 5:13-15 For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. **For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”** But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

Acts 15:28-29 For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to **lay on you no greater burden than these requirements:** that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.”

Jer 31:33 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: **I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts.** And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Matt 11:28-30 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and **I will give you rest.** Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For **my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.**”

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Matt 7:21-23 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’”

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Mark 7:9-13 And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, “Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban”’ (that is, given to God)— then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. **And many such things you do.**”