

**WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TRUE AND FALSE  
RELIGION AND WORSHIP?  
CLEAN HANDS OR A CLEAN HEART!  
Matthew 14:34-15:20**

- I. **Recognize...THOSE WHO PROPAGATE FALSE RELIGION ARE HYPOCRITES THAT DISOBEY & INVALIDATE GOD'S WORD FOR THE SAKE OF THEIR TRADITIONS (14:34-15:9)**
  - A. An official delegation of religious leaders come and accuse Jesus' disciples of transgressing their outward religious tradition (14:34-36, 15:1-2)
  
  - B. Jesus responds, condemning them for their hypocritical outward religious teaching and vain worship which disobeys & invalidates the authority of God and His Word (4-9)
  
- II. **Realize...FALSE TEACHERS AND RELIGIONS DO NOT ADDRESS WHAT TRULY DEFILES A MAN, BUT JESUS DOES:** Jesus tells the multitude what truly defiles man comes from inside not outside (10-11)
  
- III. **Understand...FALSE TEACHERS ARE OFFENDED BY THE WORD OF GOD WHEN IT ADDRESSES THEIR SIN, BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT OF GOD AND ON THEIR WAY TO HELL (12-14)**
  - A. Jesus answers the disciples revealing the offended Pharisees true wicked origin and destiny (12-13)
  
  - B. Jesus says we are to leave them alone because of where they lead themselves and their followers, i.e. to hell (14)
  
- IV. **Recognize...AT THE ROOT OF ALL FALSE TEACHING IS A DIVERSION FROM AND AVOIDANCE OF MAN'S INTERNAL HEART PROBLEM AND THE ONLY SOLUTION JESUS CHRIST (15-20)**