Application – Cultural Commands

Lesson #6
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Goals for the Summer

- Increase independence in Bible Study
- Learn to exercise discernment
Outline

I. 5 step method (1-6)
   1. Preparation
   2. Observation
   3. Interpretation
   4. Evaluation
   5. Application

II. Genres of Scripture (7-13)
Hermeneutics

A set of rules used to interpret the Bible

- Literal
  - Every word has the same meaning it would have in normal usage
  - There are metaphors, figures of speech etc....
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- Grammatical
  - The meaning of the text is in the grammar of the text
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Historical
- Time
- Culture
- Geography
- Language (Hebrew/Aramaic, Greek)
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- Literary
  - Different genres have unique characteristics.
Transferable or Nontransferable?

1. We are not obligated to obey the Mosaic Law
   - Hebrews 7:12
   - Leviticus 19:28, 20:13
Transferable or Nontransferable?

2. If a command/practice is repeated throughout Scripture, it is transferable to us
   - Genesis 9:6 → Matthew 26:52
   - 1 Corinthians 15:29?
Transferable or Nontransferable?

3. If a command pertains to a non repeatable/unique circumstance, it is not transferred to us

- Genesis 6:14
- Matthew 21:1-3
Transferable or Nontransferable?

4. If a command/practice pertains to a situation which has been revoked, then it is not transferred to us
   - 1 Corinthians 14:5 with 1 Corinthians 13:8
   - Mark 16:17-18
Transferable or Nontransferable?

5. If a command/practice is related to an eternal truth, it is transferred to us
   - Genesis 9:6 “for in the image of God He made man.”
   - 1 Timothy 2:12-13 “for it was Adam who was first created, and then Eve.”
   - Ephesians 5:22-24 “for...as Christ is the head of the church”
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- 1 Corinthians 11:2-16
  - Creation Order (7-9)
  - Angels (10)
  - Nature (13-15)
  - Church Practice (16)
6. If obeying a command/practice varies from culture to culture, and the command/practice is not related to an eternal truth, then it is not transferable

- Holy kiss (Ro 16:16; 1 Cor 16:20; 2 Cor 13:12; 1 Th 5:26; 1 Pt 5:14)
- Ecclesiastes 9:8
✓ Every command is inspired and profitable!
✓ Every command has some principle for us today!
✓ My principles may not be exhaustive, so exercise discernment with caution!