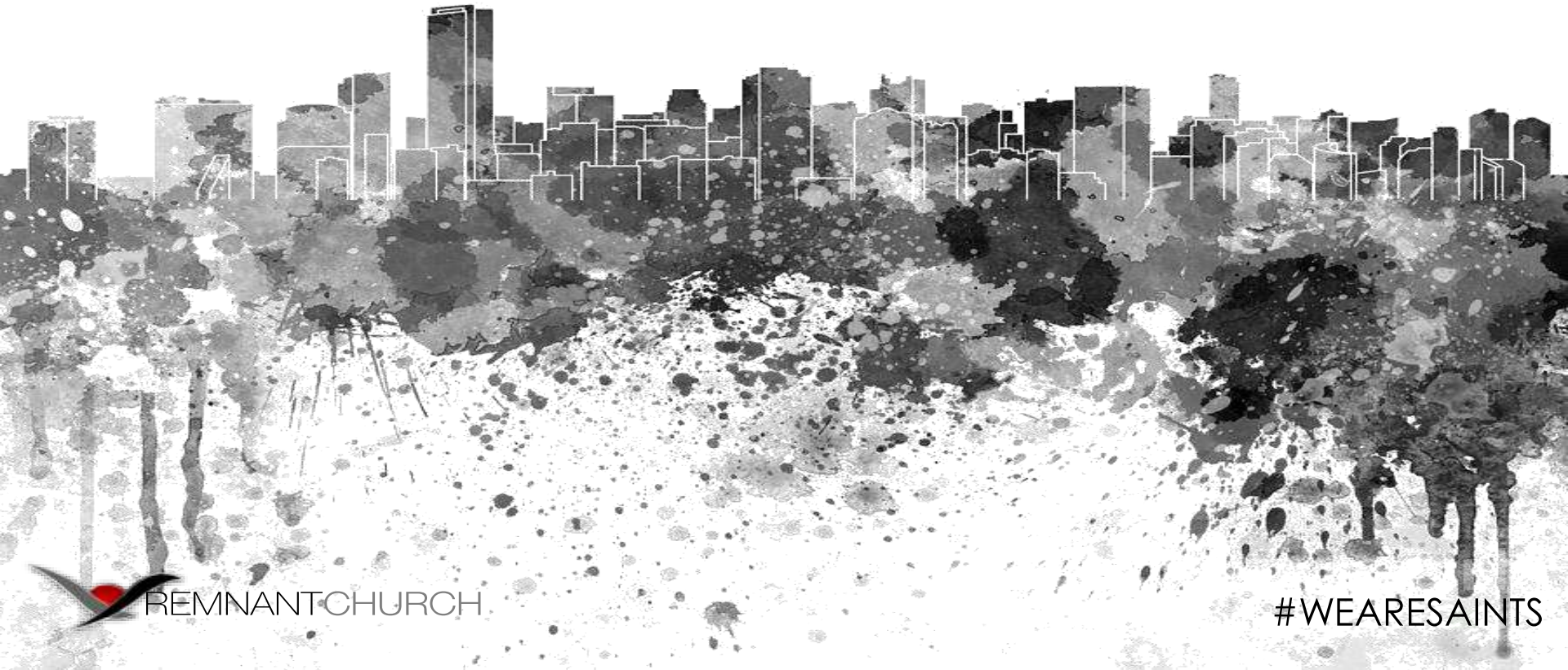


Grab Your Shovel

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MATTHEW 15:1-20



“Saints are men and women through whom the light of God’s love and character shine into this world.”



Matthew 15:1-20

¹ Some Pharisees and teachers of religious law now arrived from Jerusalem to see Jesus. They asked him, ² “Why do your disciples disobey our age-old tradition? For they ignore our tradition of ceremonial hand washing before they eat.”

³ Jesus replied, “And why do you, by your traditions, violate the direct commandments of God? ⁴ For instance, God says, ‘Honor your



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father and mother,' and 'Anyone who speaks disrespectfully of father or mother must be put to death.' ⁵ But you say it is all right for people to say to their parents, 'Sorry, I can't help you. For I have vowed to give to God what I would have given to you.' ⁶ In this way, you say they don't need to honor their parents. And so you cancel the word of God for the sake of your own tradition. ⁷ You



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hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you, for he wrote,
⁸ ‘These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. ⁹ Their worship is a farce, for they teach man-made ideas as commands from God.’”

¹⁰ Then Jesus called to the crowd to come and hear. “Listen,” he said, “and try to understand. ¹¹ It’s not what goes into your



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mouth that defiles you; you are defiled by the words that come out of your mouth.”

¹² Then the disciples came to him and asked, “Do you realize you offended the Pharisees by what you just said?”

¹³ Jesus replied, “Every plant not planted by my heavenly Father will be uprooted, ¹⁴ so ignore them. They are blind guides leading the blind, and if one blind person guides



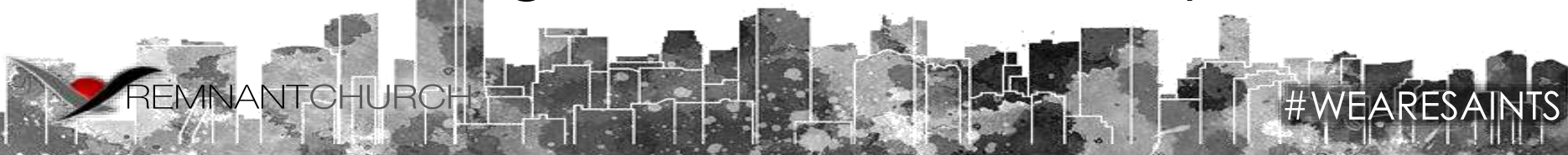
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another, they will both fall into a ditch.”

¹⁵ Then Peter said to Jesus, “Explain to us the parable that says people aren’t defiled by what they eat.”

¹⁶ “Don’t you understand yet?” Jesus asked.

¹⁷ “Anything you eat passes through the stomach and then goes into the sewer. ¹⁸ But the words you speak come from the heart—that’s what defiles you. ¹⁹ For from the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, all



Matthew 15:1-20

sexual immorality, theft, lying, and slander. ²⁰
These are what defile you. Eating with
unwashed hands will never defile you.”



**Being religious
isn't enough.**

Matthew 15:1-2

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To a Pharisee, the traditions of the elders were superior to Scripture because they considered these traditions to be the only reliable interpretation of scripture.



There Is No Loophole For Obedience

Matthew 15:3-4

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There Is No Loophole For Obedience

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“Sacrificed to God.”



There Is No Loophole For Obedience

**Gossip
Doing Wrong**

***There are no
loopholes that
absolve you from
God's call to
obedience.***



There Is No Substitute For Love

Matthew 15:7-9

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There Is No Substitute For Love

*He doesn't just want
to hear you talk
religious, he wants
your heart.*

*Traditions do not
require integrity of
heart.*



There Is No Substitute For Love

Matthew 22:37

Jesus replied, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.

Deuteronomy 6:5

And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength.



There Is No Substitute For Love

***If he has your heart, he can
mold the rest of you into the
image of his Son.***



There Is No Replacement For Purity

Matthew 15:10-11

Then Jesus called to the crowd to come and hear. “Listen,” he said, “and try to understand. 11 It’s not what goes into your mouth that defiles you; you are defiled by the words that come out of your mouth.”



There Is No Replacement For Purity

Matthew 15:17-20

“Anything you eat passes through the stomach and then goes into the sewer. ¹⁸ But the words you speak come from the heart—that’s what defiles you. ¹⁹ For from the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, all sexual immorality, theft, lying, and slander. ²⁰

These are what defile you. Eating with unwashed hands will never defile you.”



There Is No Replacement For Purity

***Externals don't
matter as much as
internals.***

***Too often we settle
for external signs of
righteousness, and
we overlook the
most important
aspect of all: a
pure heart.***



There Is No Replacement For Purity

We cannot allow ourselves the sin of settling for surface-level spirituality.



Surface-level religion allows us to look for loopholes

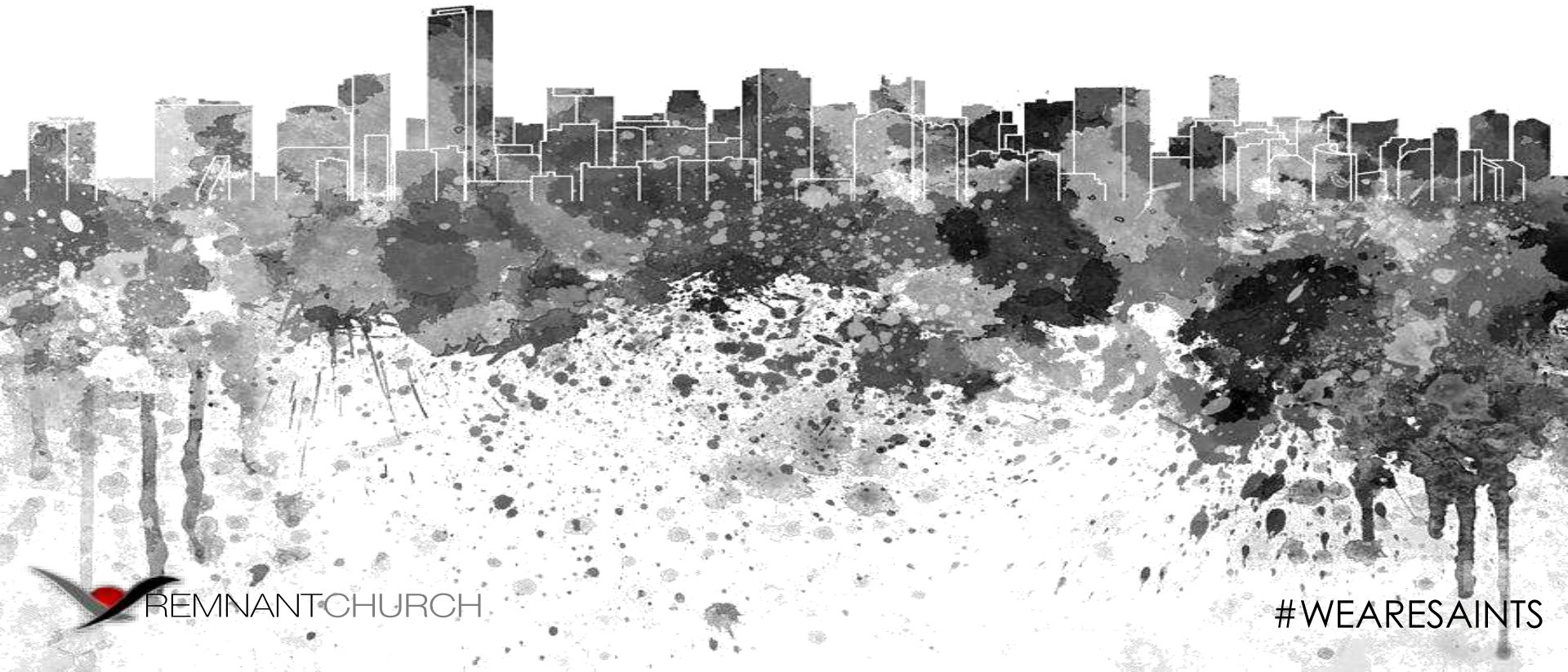
Surface-level religion encourages us to substitute fancy words for heartfelt devotion

Surface-level religion tempts us to replace purity with appearances



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