**Don’t Share with YOUR ONE a Ritualistic, Restrictive Religion**Top of Form

*Do you have restrictive religion or a redemptive relationship?*

*Hebrews 9:1-10*

Bottom of Form

**Hebrews 9:1 Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly place of holiness.**

DON’T DEPEND ON OR PRESENT A**“GOSPEL”, *WHICH LIMITS YOU BY ITS PROCEDURES*.**

*When the rules you follow keep you from loving God and from loving others, its time to change the rules.*

DON’T DEPEND ON OR PRESENT A **“GOSPEL”, *WHICH LIMITS YOU BY ITS PLACE.***

**Hebrews 9:2-5 For a tent was prepared, the first section, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence. It is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain was a second section called the Most Holy Place, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron’s staff that budded, and the tablets of the covenant. Above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.**

Richard Halverson, former chaplain of the United States Senate, used a benediction at the end of each service.

*Wherever you go, God is sending you.*

*Wherever you are, God has put you there.*

*God has a purpose in your being right where you are.*

*Christ, who indwells you by the power of his Spirit, wants to do something in and through you.*

*Believe this and go in his grace, his love, his power.*

*In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

DON’T DEPEND ON OR PRESENT A **“GOSPEL”, *WHICH IS LIMITED TO CERTAIN PEOPLE.***

Only the High Priest could meet with God and only once a year!

**Hebrews 9:6-9a These preparations having thus been made, the priests go regularly into the first section, performing their ritual duties, but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood, which he offers for himself and for the unintentional sins of the people. By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the holy places is not yet opened as long as the first section is still standing (which is symbolic for the present age).**

DON’T DEPEND ON OR PRESENT A **“GOSPEL”, *WHICH IS LIMITED IN ITS PURIFYING POWER.***

**Hebrews 9:9b-10 According to this arrangement, gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper, but deal only with food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until the time of reformation. (ESV)**

Religious ceremonies cannot clean you up on the inside. They can only make you look clean on the outside.

**Numbers 15 says, “If one person sins unintentionally, he shall offer a female goat a year old for a sin offering… But the person who does anything with a high hand (i.e., defiantly or willfully)… that person shall be cut off from among his people” (Numbers 15:27, 30)**