

CULTURAL GAP EXERCISE

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It should be immediately evident that all practices in the Bible are not transferable to the present day. If that were true, then when you buy a house, the former owner should take off one of his sandals and give it to you, the buyer, following the practice in Ruth 4:8.

To illustrate the problem, read each of the following items and circle the "P" (for permanent) or the "T" (for temporary) after each sentence.

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| 1. | Greet one another with a holy kiss (Rom. 16:16). | P | T |
| 2. | Abstain from meat that has been sacrificed to idols (Acts 15:29). | P | T |
| 3. | Be baptized (Acts 2:38). | P | T |
| 4. | Wash one another's feet (John 13:14). | P | T |
| 5. | Extend the right hand of fellowship (Gal. 2:9). | P | T |
| 6. | Ordain by the "laying on of hands" (Acts 13:3). | P | T |
| 7. | Prohibit women from speaking in a church assembly (1 Cor. 14:34). | P | T |
| 8. | Have fixed hours of prayer (Acts 3:1). | P | T |
| 9. | Sing songs hymns, and spiritual songs (Col. 3:16). | P | T |
| 10. | Abstain from eating blood (Acts 15:29). | P | T |
| 11. | Slaves should obey their earthly masters (Eph. 6:5). | P | T |
| 12. | Observe the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11:24). | P | T |
| 13. | Do not make any oaths (James 5:12). | P | T |
| 14. | Anoint the sick with oil (James 5:14). | P | T |
| 15. | Permit no woman to teach men (1 Tim. 2:12). | P | T |
| 16. | Preach two by two (Mark 6:7). | P | T |
| 17. | Go into Jewish synagogues to preach (Acts 14:1). | P | T |
| 18. | Eat what is set before you asking no questions of conscience (1 Cor. 10:27). | P | T |
| 19. | Prohibit women from wearing braided hair, gold, or pearls (1 Tim. 2:9). | P | T |
| 20. | Abstain from fornication (Acts 15:29). | P | T |

21.	Do not seek marriage (1 Cor. 7:26).	P	T
22.	Be circumcised (Acts 15:5).	P	T
23.	Women should pray with their heads covered (1 Cor. 11:5).	P	T
24.	Drink Communion from a single cup (Mark 14:23).	P	T
25.	Take formal religious vows (Acts 18:18).	P	T
26.	Avoid praying in public (Matt. 6:5-6).	P	T
27.	Speak in tongues and prophesy (1 Cor. 14:5).	P	T
28.	Meet in homes for church (Col, 4:15).	P	T
29.	Work with your hands (1 Thes. 4:11).	P	T
30.	Lift your hands when praying (1 Tim. 2:8).	P	T
31.	Give to those who beg from you (Matt. 5:42).	P	T
32.	Pray before meals (Luke 24:30).	P	T
33.	Support no widow under 60 years old (1 Tim. 5:9).	P	T
34.	Say "Amen" at the end of prayers (1 Cor. 14:16).	P	T
35.	Fast in connection with ordination (Acts 13:3).	P	T
36.	Wear sandals but not an extra tunic (Mark 6:9).	P	T
37.	Wives should submit to their husbands (Col. 3:18).	P	T
38.	Show no favoritism to the rich (James 2:1-7).	P	T
39.	Use unleavened bread for Communion (Luke 22:13, 19).	P	T
40.	Cast lots for church officers (Acts 1:26).	P	T
41.	Owe no man anything (Rom. 13:8).	P	T
42.	Have seven deacons in the church (Acts 6:3).	P	T
43.	Do not eat meat from animals killed by strangulation (Acts 15:29).	P	T
44.	Allow no one to eat if he will not work (2 Thes. 3:10).	P	T
45.	Give up personal property (Acs 2:44-45).	P	T
46.	Have self employed clergy (2 Thes. 3:7-8).	P	T
47.	Take collections in church for the poor (1 Cor. 16:1).	P	T
48.	Men should not have long hair (1 Cor. 11:14).	P	T