

# "Why Do They Do It - And We Don't?"

Text - Mark 2:24

Intro. - It is not an uncommon thing to have the question of our text asked of us today. Being an "Independent Baptist Church" and carrying the load of typical stereotypes, we should probably expect the question even more.

— There are a number of things that other churches do that we do not do - WHY?

— This message is intended to cover this question and provide Biblical answers.

NOTE - Mark 2:23-28

A great principle - "Sometimes what looks different/odd/wrong/unusual to the religious crowd is really approved of by the Lord"

"What is 'traditionally' understood to be the only way to do things may, in reality, NOT be the only way"

"Just because the critical, religious crowd doesn't agree with the way things are done - that does not make it wrong" (us)

Let's apply this principle to our local church:

Some churches:

- Change Pastors every 2 yrs.
- Have numerous committees
- let anybody teach
- Criticize Bus Ministries
- Lower Standards
- Belongs to the "Cooperative Program"
- Hate Chr. schools
- Use other Bibles
- Correct KJV-1611
- Have women deacons/pr.
- Have deacon boards/deacons
- Have monthly bus. meetings  
(men + women)
- Reveal finance records to  
any & every body
- Participate in ministerial  
assoc.
- Post attendance/off. numbers
- Have church bosses
- Condemn others not like them
- Compromise truth

What?  
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How many?

Our church:

- We Don't
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- We Don't
- We Don't (unless to reveal error)
- We Don't
- We Don't
- We Don't (right now)
- We Don't (I was "Daddy" + Grace Bapt.)
- We Don't ("It ain't their business")
- We Don't (some swap pulpits)
- We Don't
- We Don't
- We Don't
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"Just because we Don't do things just like everyone else does not make us wrong"

\* The religious crowd may find fault with us -  
- But that does not make us wrong!

\* The critical-spirited people may not like it -  
- But that does not make us wrong!

- We try to do what we do because we  
believe in 3 main goals:

A. Edify the Saints - 1 Thess. 5:11; Eph. 4:12; Eph. 4:29

B. Exalt the Savior - Heb. 13:1; 1 Cor. 10:31; Col. 1:18

C. Evangelize the Sinner - Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8