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It references the practices & rituals
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Name practices associated with the
Christian “religion”

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True doctrine & worship is necessary, but it’s not sufficient if it stands alone!

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See it condemned in Matt. 15:8 & 21:28-31

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They’re “reps” of the helpless—see 2:15-16

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See it defined in I Jn. 2:16—a “system” of
Self-gratification, -glorification, -exaltation

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Humble self or exalt self?