

CONTEXTUAL THEOLOGICAL STUDIES OF THE MALITURU HALERE TRADITION IN THE GERMITA EFRATA TABANG CONGREGATION

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study is to describe the implementation of the malituru halere tradition, describe the congregation's understanding of the malituru halere tradition and describe the contextual theological study of the malituru halere tradition. This study used qualitative research with a descriptive approach which was carried out at the GERMITA Efrata Tabang congregation.

Data was collected through documentation techniques, observation and interview methods. From the results of the analysis and discussion, the researchers obtained indications that: (1) the congregation described the implementation of the Malituru Halere tradition from their respective perspectives. The answers from each informant always refer to all the preparations and worship that will be carried out. (2) there are still many congregations who do not understand the important meaning implied in the Malituru Halere tradition and it seems that the congregation has shallow thoughts about this tradition. (3) the congregation is more familiar with this tradition as a prayer without knowing that a very broad contextual theology study exists in this tradition. The congregation continues to carry out this tradition but does not understand the gospel message contained in the Malituru Halere tradition.

From these findings, the traditional apparatus should be able to re-educate this tradition so that the congregation understands better what the Malituru Halere tradition is and that the church can help or facilitate adat and together convey the great impression or meaning implied in the Malituru Halere tradition.

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