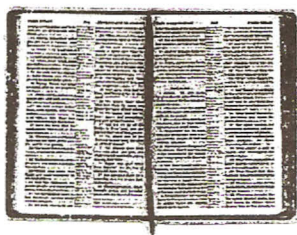


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"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." (2 Timothy 3:16)

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"THE FAITH" (CONCLUDED)

In our previous studies we discussed the question, "What Is The Faith?" and "Some Facts about the Faith". We considered eleven of them. Under the eleventh one we considered "Some Things We should do. Let us now continue our study. As we continue our study let us consider:

12. Some things we can, but should not do.

(1) *Have the faith with respect of persons.* James said: "My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons." (2:1). In verse 2-6 James gives an example as to how this can be done.

(2) *Err concerning the faith!* In 1 Tim. 6:20-21 Paul said: "O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: Which some professing have erred concerning the faith..."

(3) *Be reprobate concerning the faith!* Paul describes some evil men in 2 Tim. 3:1-7, and then says in verse 8: "Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of

corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith."

(4) *Depart from the faith!* In 1 Tim. 4:1 Paul stated: **Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils."**

(5) *Deny the faith!* In 1 Tim. 5:8 Paul said: "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel."

(6) *Withstand those who preach the faith by seeking to turn others away from the faith!* A careful reading of Acts 13:6-10 would prove that this is the case!

(7) *Destroy the faith!* Gal. 1:21-23 indicates without doubt that Paul "destroyed" the faith that he later preached!

13. *We should examine ourselves whether we be in the faith!* Paul indicates this in 2 Cor. 13:5!

14. *We should love others in the faith!* (See Titus 3:15).

15. We "should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." See Jude 3.

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Editorial...

PREACHING JESUS & HIM CRUCIFIED (6)

In our previous studies on "PREACHING JESUS AND HIM CRUCIFIED" we showed from the Scriptures that:

1. It means to condemn division and preach and plead for unity of God's people! 2. It means to preach that the wisdom of the world is foolishness with God! 3. It means to condemn the sin of fornication! 4. It means to condemn saints going to law with one another! 5. It means to condemn Christians fighting in carnal wars! 6. It means to condemn false teaching and expose false teachers. 7. It means to condemn immorality (& other sins of worldliness as it appears in every form) among God's people as well as in people outside the body of Christ! 8. It means to preach that women are to keep silence in the churches! 9. It means to preach that there is but one church!

10. It means to preach that salvation is in Christ, and 11. It means to preach that sinners are baptized into Christ!

Let us continue our study of "Preaching Jesus & Him Crucified."

12. It means to preach the truth as taught in 1 Cor. 11:1-16 relative to headship as set forth in v.3 and the uncovering of the head of every man when "praying and prophesying" and the covering of the head of every woman when she "prayeth or prophesieth." NOTE: Please carefully read and sincerely give diligence in your study of this passage!

13. It means to preach the observance of the Lord's Supper! Read and carefully study 1 Cor. 11:20-34. Also study what Paul said in 1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21. Also read and study Mt. 26:26-30; Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:14-22; Acts 2:42 and 20:7.

A careful study of the above verses will show the basic essentials in observing the Lord's Supper. Here they are.

(1) WHO? (Proper Participants) Christians (disciples)! In Acts 20:7 it says "disciples"; 1 Cor. 10:16-17 says "we" meaning Paul & other "saints" and "ye" meaning saints; 1 Cor. 11:33 says "brethren".

(2) WHAT? (Proper Elements) "Bread" & "fruit of the vine" ("the cup"). See Mk. 14:22-25.

(3) WHEN? (Proper Time) "Upon the first day of the week". See Acts 20:7.

(4) WHERE? (Proper Place) In the assembly! See Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:20-33.

(5) HOW? (Proper Manner) Worthily - discerning the Lord's body and showing the Lord's death till he comes. See 1 Cor. 11:26-29.

(6) "TARRY ONE FOR ANOTHER". 1 Cor. 11:33 says: "Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another."

SOME THINGS THAT THE NEW TESTAMENT DOES NOT SAY.

1. That Christians must eat the Lord's Supper at a certain hour on the first day of the week!

2. All Christians in a congregation (local church) must meet at the same hour to eat the Lord's Supper!

3. All Christians who come together must eat together at that assembly if any Christians eat!

4. All Christians in a local church (congregation) must assemble at a specific hour to break bread in order for any of them to break bread Scripturally!

5. One or more Christians cannot eat the Lord's Supper in the assembly unless all others who are present also eat!

6. Eating the Lord's Supper is "church action" (or "collective action") in the sense that all Christians in a local church must eat and drink properly at the same time in order for any of them to eat and drink properly!

7. Christians may observe the Lord's Supper separate (and apart) from all other Christians outside of the assembly, like for example, at home, in a hospital, in jail, at the beach while on vacation, on side the road while traveling, etc.

8. It is sinful for some Christians to eat the Lord's Supper while others look on!

9. How many times the early disciples came together on the first day of the week!

10. That all the disciples at Troas in Acts 20:7 broke bread at the same hour of the day!

OBSERVATION: We should be very cautious and careful lest we act without Divine authority in all that we do! See 2 Tim. 3:16-17; Col. 3:17; 2 John 9; James 2:12, etc. We should also be careful lest we make a law where God has not made one!

NOTE: In preaching Jesus and Him crucified, let us remember to

preach the truth about the Lord's Supper!

14. It means to preach that there are many idols (false gods) that are called gods and many that are called lords, but that there is but one true God and one true Lord. In 1 Cor. 8:4-6 Paul declared "...that there is none other God but one. For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,) But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him." NOTE: The expression "there is but one God, the Father" and "one Lord Jesus Christ" does not allow for more than one true God and one true Lord Jesus Christ!

In Eph. 4:4-6 Paul declared the "oneness" of "God" and the "oneness" of "the Lord" when he said: "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."

NOTE: In preaching Jesus and Him crucified, it is absolutely necessary that *we preach there is but one God, the Father and one Lord Jesus Christ!*

15. It means to preach the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ! In 1 Cor. 15:1-4 Paul declared: "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I have preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures;

And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the Scriptures."

We read in Romans 5:8: "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Also see Romans 5:6, 10; 6:9-10; 8:34; 14:9; 2 Cor. 4:14-15; 5:14-15; 1 Thess. 5:10; Acts 2:29; 17:31; Romans 4:24-25; 10:9, etc.

16. It means to preach that the gospel of Christ is the power of God to save sinners. "...All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Rom. 3:23). That includes you and me! Rom. 6:23 says: "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

It is through (or by means of) the gospel that we are saved from (forgiven of) our sins and receive the gift of eternal life. Paul said: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to

every one that believeth..." (Rom. 1:16). To be saved by the gospel one must believe it and obey it from the heart! See Mark 16:15-16; Rom. 10:16; 6:17-18; 1 Cor. 4:15; 1 Pet. 1:22; 4:17; 2 Thess. 1:6-10; James 1:21; Rom. 2:16; James 2:12; John 12:48; James 1:25, etc. Yes, in preaching Jesus & Him crucified we must preach that the gospel is God's power to save sinners! (To be continued)

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When we have spiritual questions, only God's answers really matter.

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We may successfully fool others, but we cannot fool God because He knows our hearts.

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In adversity (as well as at other times), we should always look to God for strength & courage!

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We should love and show mercy to others, because God has shown love and mercy to us!

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In uncertain times, our security is well placed in God alone.

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