

The church of Christ Submits To Christ!

THEREFORE, JUST AS THE CHURCH IS SUBJECT TO CHRIST,... EPH 5:24

"I don't think it makes any difference what CHURCH you join!" "You have to be a member of "MY" denomination in order to go to heaven!!"

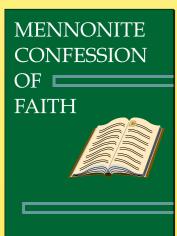
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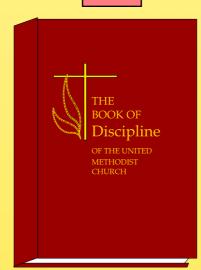
.. The Lord added daily to the church those who were being saved — Acts 2:47

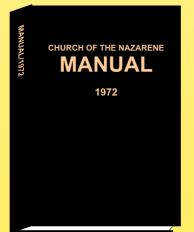
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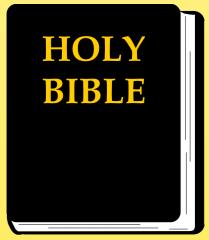
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Ask Jesus to come into your heart . . . Say the sinners prayer!

There is
ABSOLUTELY
NOTHING you can
do to be saved!

The Bible Doesn't Teach Me to Be Saved One Way And You Another

Believe, repent, confess, and be baptized into Christ – Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Rom. 10:9; Rom. 6:3-6; Col. 2:11-13

The Principle of Submission

"How To Establish Faith"

Matthew 21:25-26



Possible

Sources

From Men

Mt. 15:1-9

I Cor. 4:6

Gal. I:10-17

Col. 2:8

2 Thess. 2:2-4

From Heaven

Mt. 21:23-27

I John 4:4-6

Gal. I:6-9

Col. 2:6-10

2 Thess. 2:15

From Heaven or Men?

The Principle of Submission

SEEKING PERMISSION FOR ALL WE BELIEVE, TEACH & PRACTICE

God's Silence To Be Respected!

We cannot know the mind of God except through revelation
1 Cor 2:10, 11,14
Eph 3:3-5
Isaiah 55:8,9

Faith comes by hearing

ROMANS 10:17

God has
revealed
everything He
wants us to
know & do 2 Pet 1:3;
2 Tim 3:16,17
Jude 3

WALKING BY FAITH MEANS WALKING BY WHAT GOD HAS SAID 2 Cor. 5:7; 1 Cor. 4:6; Gal. 1:6-9

The Principle of Submission

"How To Establish Faith - How God Instructs"

HOW TO UNDERSTAND:

- God has used the basic laws communication to reveal His will to us.
- Direct Command or Statement.(Must Examine Context)
- Approved Apostolic Example.

 (Observation of Approved Activity of first Century Christians).
- Necessary Implication. (a logical and unavoidable conclusion drawn from statements or propositions).

Exclusive & Inclusive

Heb 11:7 By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household,

Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did. . . 7:5 ⁵And Noah did according to all that the Lord commanded him.

Specific authority:

Gopher wood (14)

Compartments (14)

450' Long (15)

75' Wide (15)

45' Tall (15)

1 Window & Door (16)

3 Stories (16)

Generic & Specific:

Build an ark of gopher wood

Expedients

Tools & Size of material dependent upon specific need

Lib∈rty:

Source and means of transporting materials

Exclusive & Inclusive

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Authorized

Incidental

Tools
Scaffolds
Help

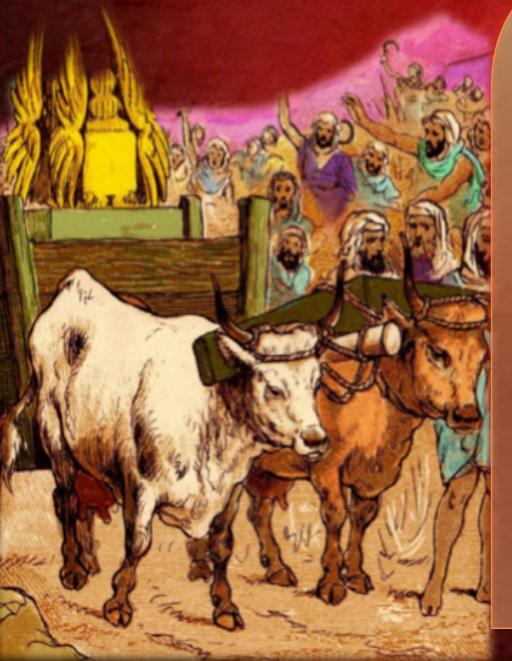
Build An Ark of Gopher Wood

Excluded / Unauthorized

Another door
Different wood
Different size
Additional boats

Exclusive & Inclusive

The method of moving the ark of the covenant was specified, thus excluding any other method



- When God specifies we CANNOT substitute.
 - (1 Chron 13:5-8)
 - David's best attempt to serve God according to his own thinking dishonored God instead of honoring Him (Lev 10:1-4; 1 Chron 15:2,13; Isa

55:6-9; Hos 14:9; Col. 3:17)

Is The Church of CHRIST A Biblical Church? The Principle of Submission



1 Corinthians 10:23 (1901 ASV)

All things are lawful; but not all things are expedient.

All things are lawful; but not all things edify.

The Principle of Submission

"How To Establish Faith - Is It [AN] Expedient?"

DAVID'S OXCART WAS NOT AN EXPEDIENT MEANS OF TRANSPORTING THE ARK OF THE COVENANT!



EXPEDIENCY — noun - ex pe di en cy $\$ -dē-ən(t)-sē\ — - 1 : the quality or state of being suited to the end in view : suitability, fitness



EXPEDIENCY - the quality of being expedient; advantageousness; advisability.

2. — a regard for what is politic or advantageous rather than for what is right or just; a sense of self-interest —

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Is It [AN] Expedient?

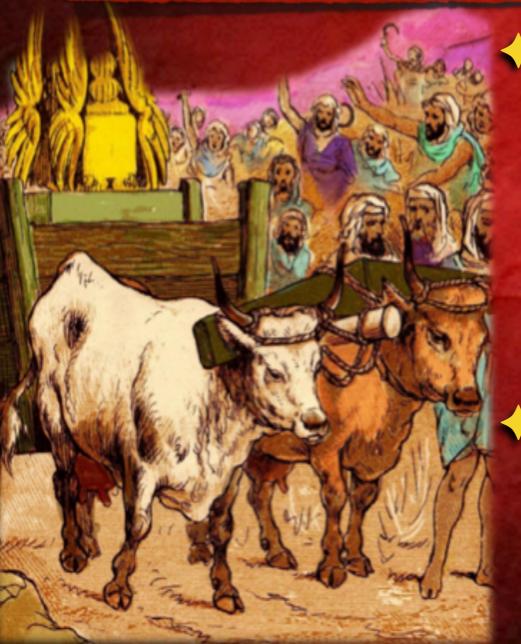
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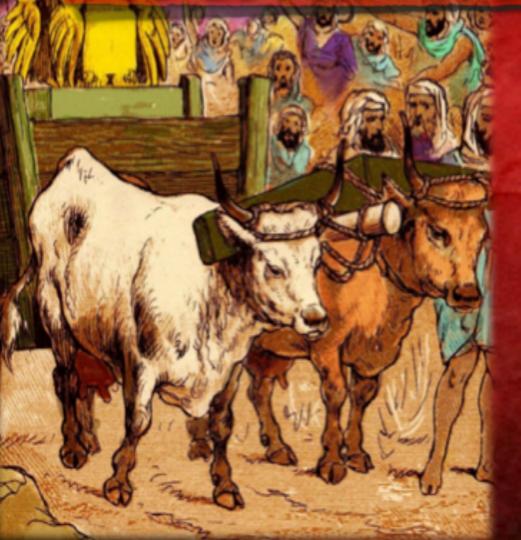
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- Expediency in human wisdom involves the right of choice WITHIN the realm of those things AUTHORIZED in what God has SAID either implicitly or explicitly.
 - UNAUTHORIZED Innovations under the guise of expediency, has caused Wholesale apostasies in the work and worship of the church.

EXPEDIENCY, THEN, HAS TO DO WITH "MEANS AND METHODS " THAT IS, THE MANNER OR WAY IN WHICH A GIVEN WORK IS ACCOMPLISHED.

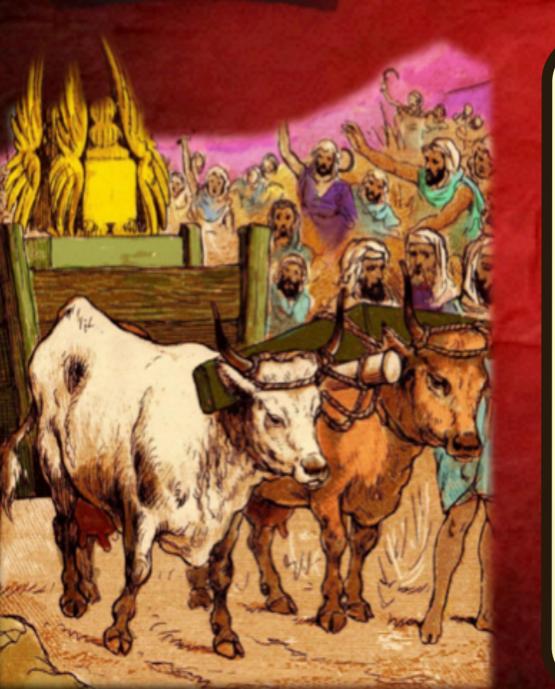


In short, an expedient in religion is a means or method of executing a divine command when the way to do it is not specified.

For A Thing To Be An Expedient

- It Must Be Lawful Romans 3:7,8
- It Can NOT Be An Addition To or subtraction from what God has specified Deut 4:2; 2 Jo 9; Rev 22:18; Num 4:4-6
- It Must Edify 1 Cor 10:23,33; 14:26
- It Must Not Cause My Brother To
 Violate His Conscience Rom 14:13-23

Rule #1 IT MUST BE LAWFUL

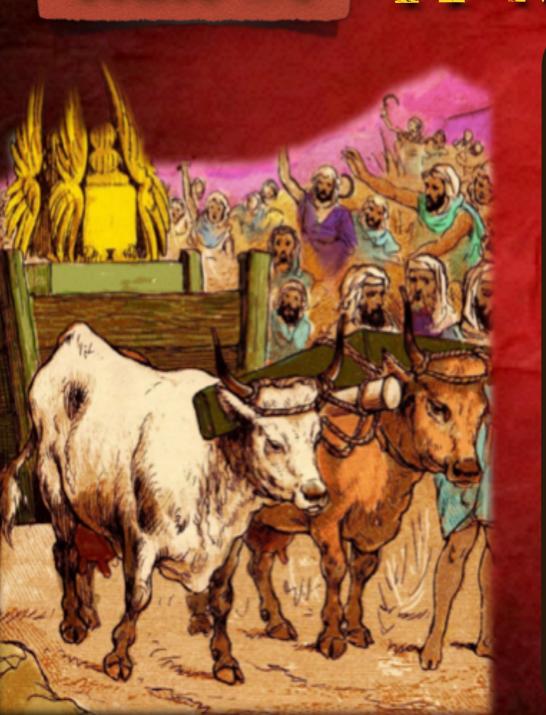


Expediency is NOT A LAW but rather only a course or rule of conduct based on existing law. (Foy Wallace Jr. – The One Book Analyzed and Outlined, pg. 422)

Just because a thing expedites a lawful thing does not make it lawful — (1 Chr. 13; 1 Cor 6:12,13)

Rule #1

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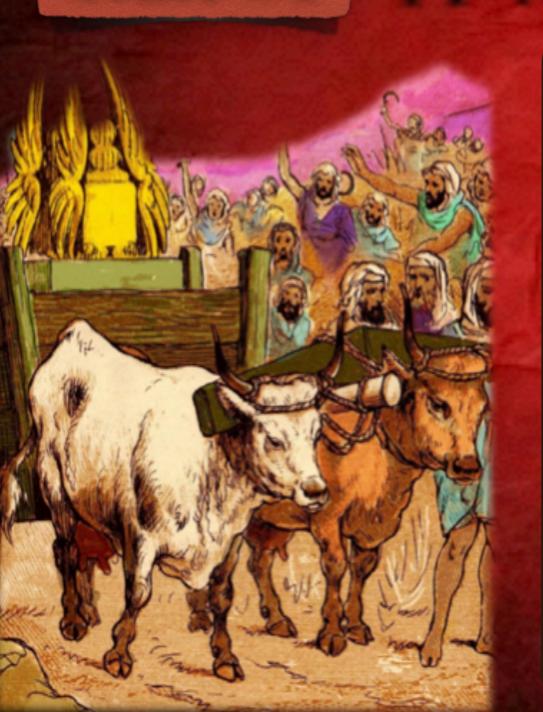


- X Lying is not lawful Romans 3:7,8
- Divorce (for any cause other than fornication) is not lawful 1
 Corinthians 7:10,11
- X Abortion Murder Stealing
- **X** Women Preachers
- X False teaching / denominationalism

THE END DOESN'T JUSTIFY THE MEANS!!

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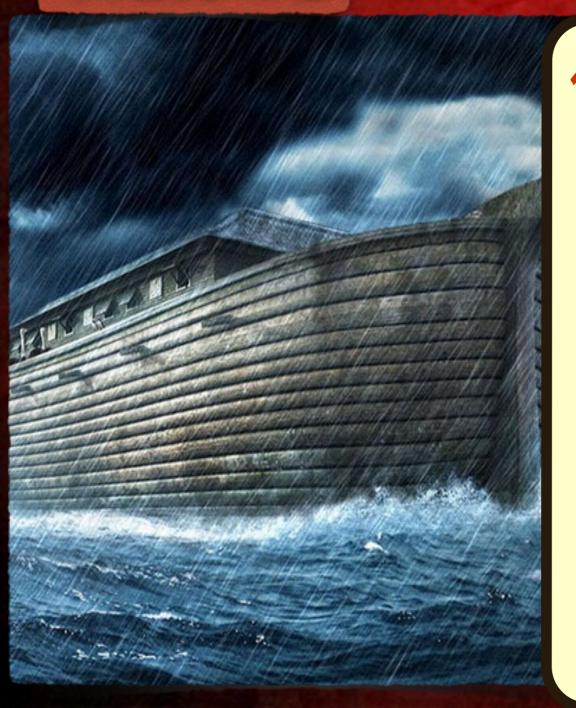
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- If a thing is NOT authorized as an act of worship or work in service to God it canNOT be classified as an expedient 1 Chr. 13; Col 3:17; 2 Jn 9
 - X Infant baptism Act 8:36,37
 - X Sprinkling instead of immersion Acts 8:38
 - X M. I. Music w/ singing Eph 5:19

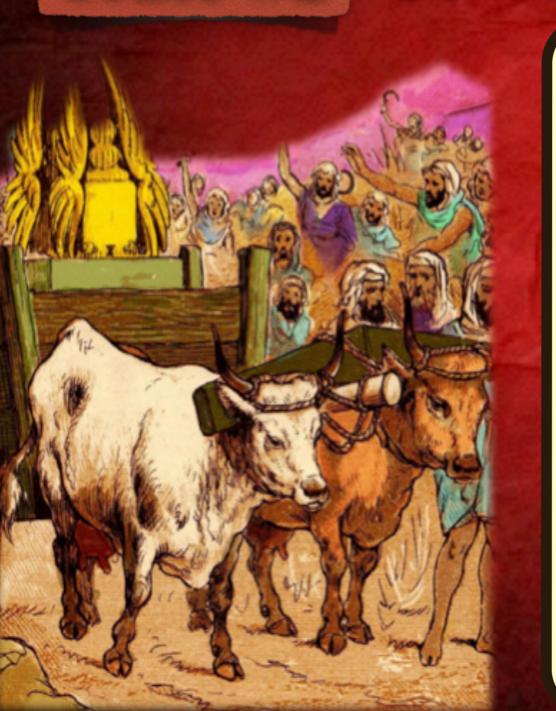
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Rule #2 IT CANNOT BE SPECIFIED



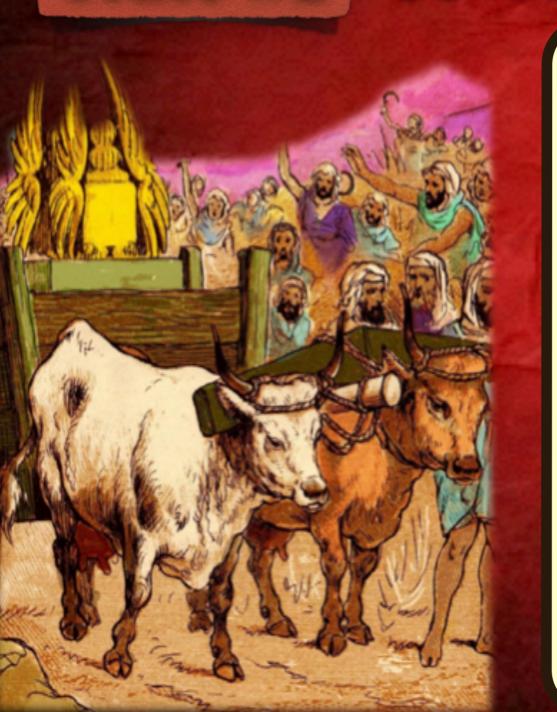
- The kind of wood used in preparing the ark was specified; Gopher Wood -Gen 6:14,22; Heb 11:7
 - ✓ Noah could NOT use a different KIND of wood –
 - Even if closer / better quality / easier to saw ... etc
 - ✓ Or even NO WOOD AT ALL, Noah would have disobeyed God!

Rule #2 IT CANNOT BE SPECIFIED



- The method of moving the Ark of the Covenant was specified Num 4:4-6
 - ✓ Selecting which men from sons of Kohath the sons of Levi, to bring the ark of God from Kirjath Jearim to Jerusalem could be claimed as an expedient —
 - ✓ BUT To select men from another tribe, or to select another method than the one specified was sinful –

Rule #2 IT CANNOT BE SPECIFIED



- The method of moving the Ark of the Covenant was specified Num 4:4-6
 - ✓ Consulted with every leader (1 Chr 13:1) but NOT God's word (15:13)
 - ✓ The Ox Cart was unauthorized
 - ✓ The ox cart could not be claimed as an expedient –
 - ✓ Was not specifically condemned but condemned because the method was specified!

Rule #2

IT CANNOT BE SPECIFIED



GOD COMMANDS
THAT WE SING -

Ephesians 5:19

¹⁹speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

Rule #2

IT CANNOT BE SPECIFIED



GOD COMMANDS
THAT WE SING -

Colossians 3:16

¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

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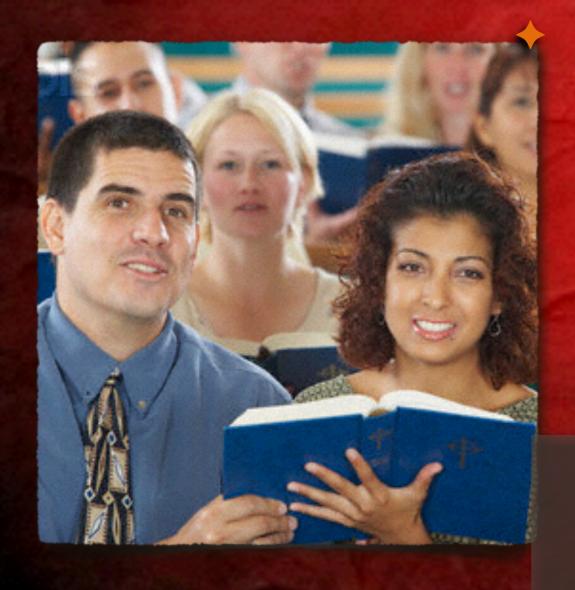
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- GOD COMMANDSTHAT WE SING -
 - Instrumental music is NOT AN AIDE.
 - * NOT INCLUDED within the practice specified SING
 - * God specified the instrument THE HEART

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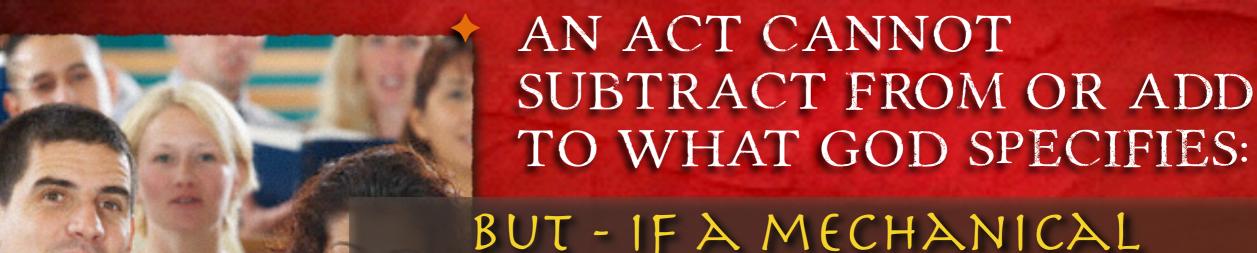
AN ACT CANNOT SUBTRACT FROM OR ADD TO WHAT GOD SPECIFIES:

- * Music: Ep 5:19; Col 3:17
- * Expedients Pitch pipes, Song books, Song leader.

NOTE:---NOTHING GOD REQUIRES IS CHANGED BY USING SUCH AIDS

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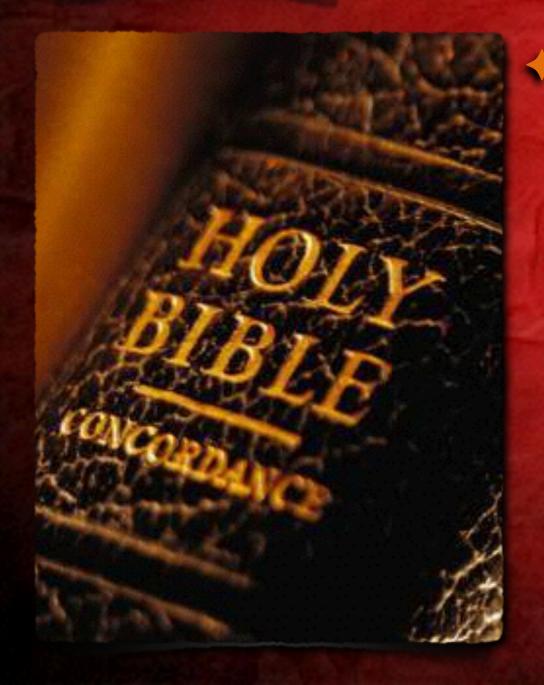
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BUT - IF A MECHANICAL
INSTRUMENT OF MUSIC IS USED,
IT IS AN ADDITION - THE TYPE
(NATURE, CHARACTERISTIC) OF
THE MUSIC "SPECIFIED" IS
CHANGED. THE INSTRUMENT IS
SPECIFIED - THE HEART!

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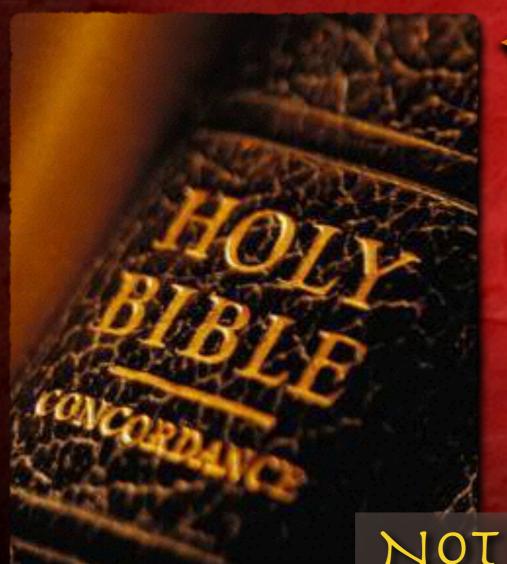
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- ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH IS SPECIFIED -
 - * Elders of one congregation cannot overlook the work of other congregations (1 Pet 5:2)
 - * The sponsoring church arrangement is not an expedient, but an unlawful extension of the work and oversight of the elders of a congregation.

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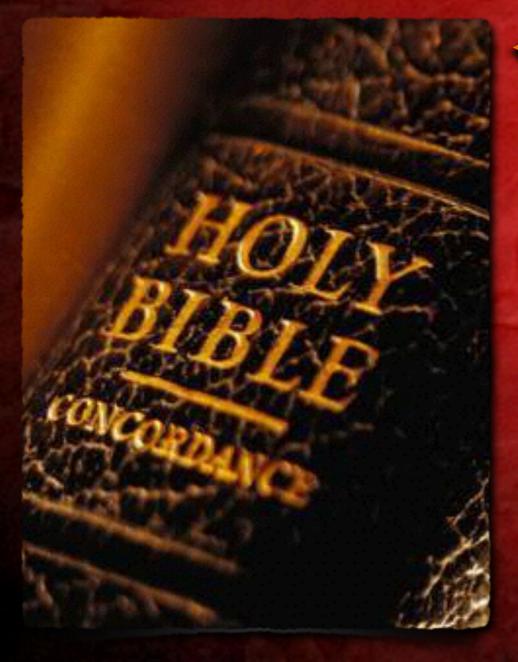


- THE WORDK OF PREACHING THE GOSPEL
 - * Preaching 2 Tim 4:2-5
 - * Expedients Chalkboards /
 Computers / Overhead
 projectors / Electronic Projectors /
 Microphones / Tape recorders, /
 Radio; TV . .

MOTE:---NOTHING GOD REQUIRES
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- THE WORDK OF PREACHING THE GOSPEL
 - * Not an expedient Preaching something other than the word; Politics Economics Comedians Fluff . . . Another organization established & supported by the church to select and support a preacher!

Rule #2

IT CANNOT BE SPECIFIED

THESE THINGS DO NOT ADD TO, OR CHANGE GOD'S COMMAND TO ASSEMBLE, OR OUR WORSHIP, BUT RATHER EXPEDITESOUR FULFILLING THE COMMAND.

- AN ACT CANNOT SUBTRACT FROM OR ADD TO WHAT GOD SPECIFIES:
 - * Assembling: Hebrews 10:25
 - * Expedients Place Building, home, tent, . . . Lights -Lamps, electric - Windows air conditioners - Seats - pews, padded,

Rule #2

IT CANNOT BE SPECIFIED

WHEN THESE THINGSARE DONE - GOD'S COMMANDS ARE CHANGED -WE ARE DOING SOMETHING DIFFERENT FROM WHAT GOD COMMANDS!

- AN ACT CANNOT SUBTRACT FROM OR ADD TO WHAT GOD SPECIFIES:
 - * Assembling: Hebrews 10:25
 - * NOT Expedients Recreation Hall / family life center / entertainment, (comedians, special music), business functions, secular education ...

Rule #2

IT CANNOT BE SPECIFIED

IN WHAT WAY WOULDA CONGREGATION CHANGE OR ADD TO GOD'S INSTRUCTION TO TEACH ITS MEMBERSBY PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES BASED UPON THE CAPABILITIES OF THE LEARNERS?

AN ACT CANNOT SUBTRACT FROM OR ADD TO WHAT GOD SPECIFIES

- * Teaching- (Edification) Ephesians 4:11-16; 2 Tim 2:2
- * Expedients Arrangement in classes to carry out the command to instruct
- * Not expedients: Secular ed / recreation / entertainment ...

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ADDITIONS

Baptize (Mt. 28:18-20)

Pool, River, Baptistery, Etc.

Basin to Sprinkle – Cup for Pouring

Assemble (Heb. 10:24-25)

House, Hall, Church Building,

Cups, Plates,

Table, Etc.

Gymnasium, Etc.

Social Meal

(1 Co. 11:17-22, 34)

Family Life Center,

Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11:23-29)

Give

(1 Cor. 16:1-2)

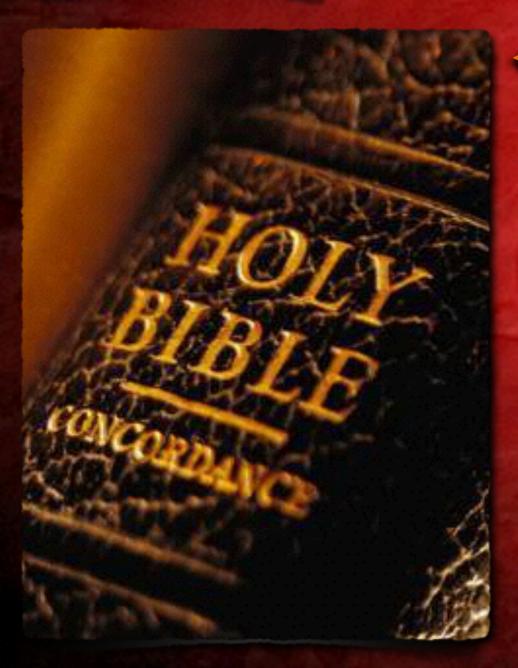
Collection Baskets Raffle Tickets, Chili Suppers, Cake Walks, Etc.

Sing (Eph. 5:19)

Song Book, Leader, Pitch Pipe, Piano, Guitars, Organ, Violin, Etc.

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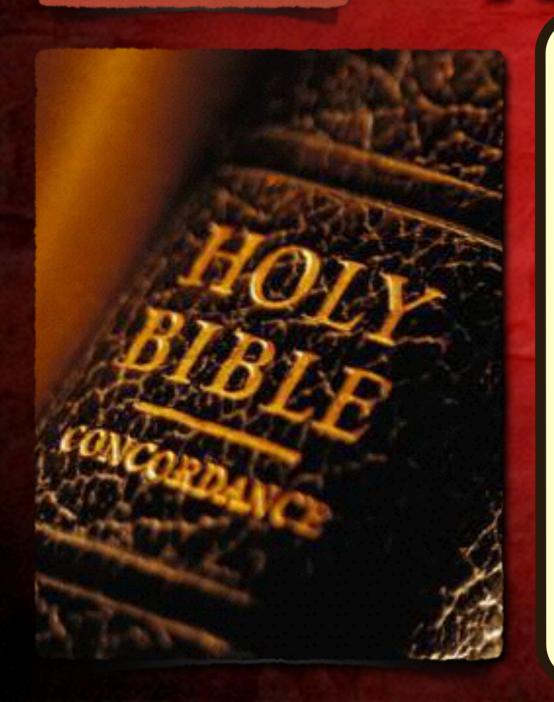
IT MUST EDIFY



- A THING CAN BE LAWFUL IN & OF ITSELF, IT COULD BE HELPFUL TO ME IN SERVING GOD ...
 - *But causes division in the body of Christ it is sinful to practice that thing!

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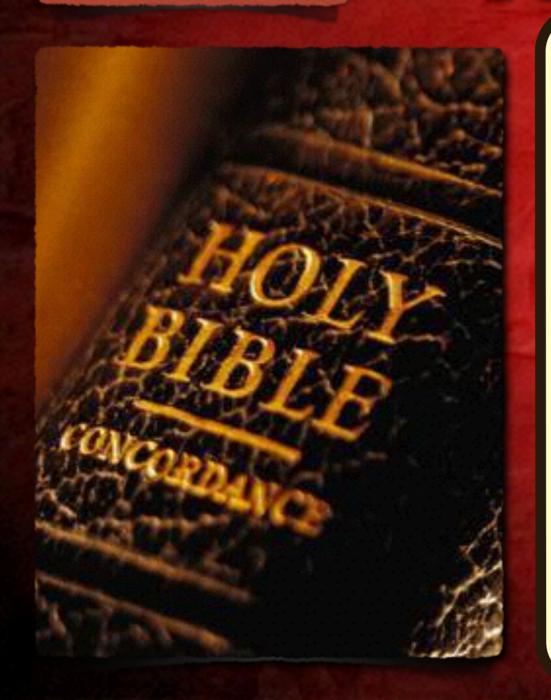
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1 Corinthians 14:26 ²⁶How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.

Rule #3

IT MUST EDIFY



1 Corinthians 10:23-33

... ³³just as I also please all *men* in all *things*, not seeking my own profit, but the *profit* of many, that they may be saved.

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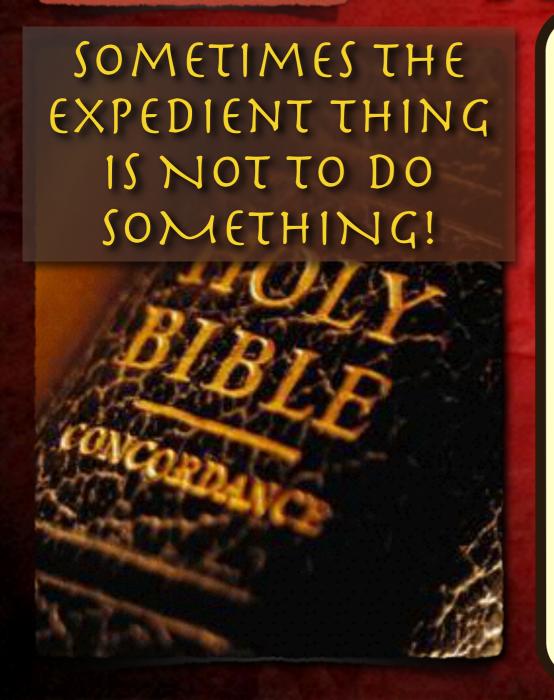
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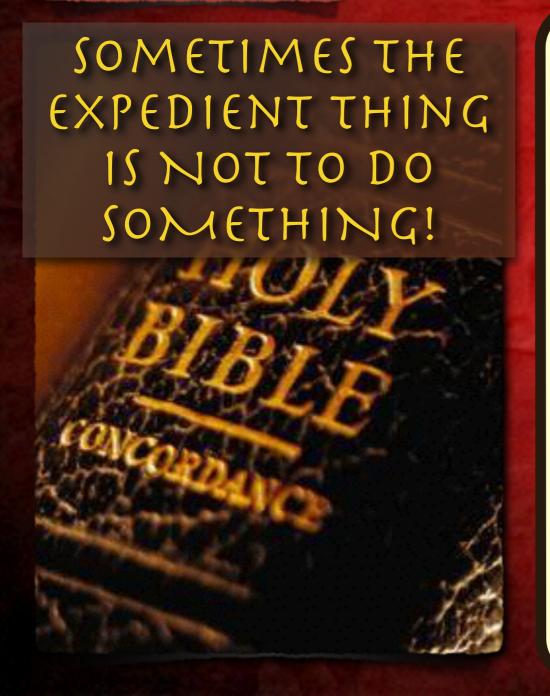
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Romans 14:15-21 ¹⁵Yet if your brother is grieved because of your food, you are no longer walking in love...

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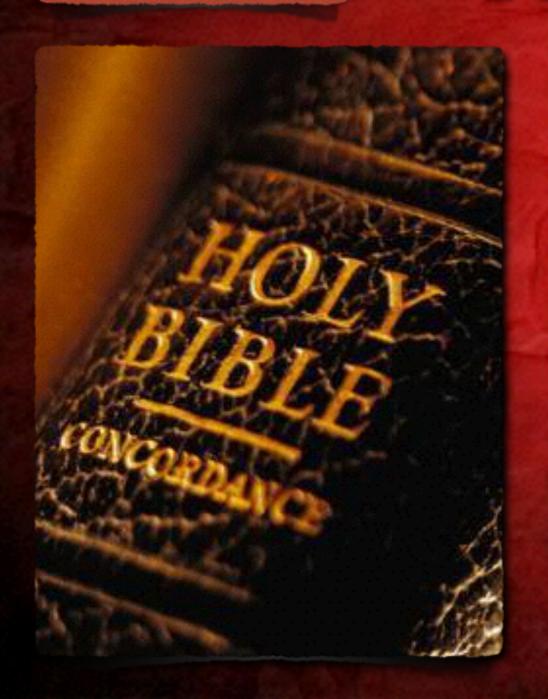


Romans 14:15-21

19Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.

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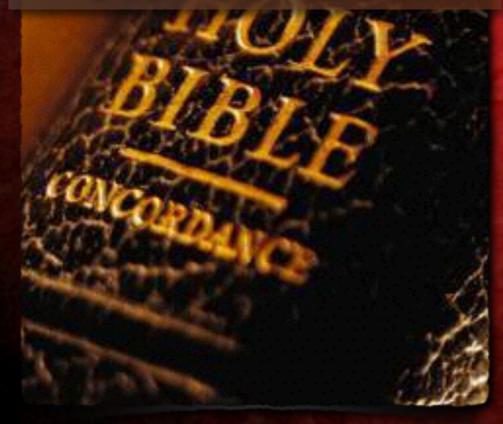


HOWEVER - IF A THING IS REQUIRED BY GOD, IT MUST BE DONE REGARDLESS OF THE CONSEQUENCES -EVEN IF IT DIVIDES PEOPLE -

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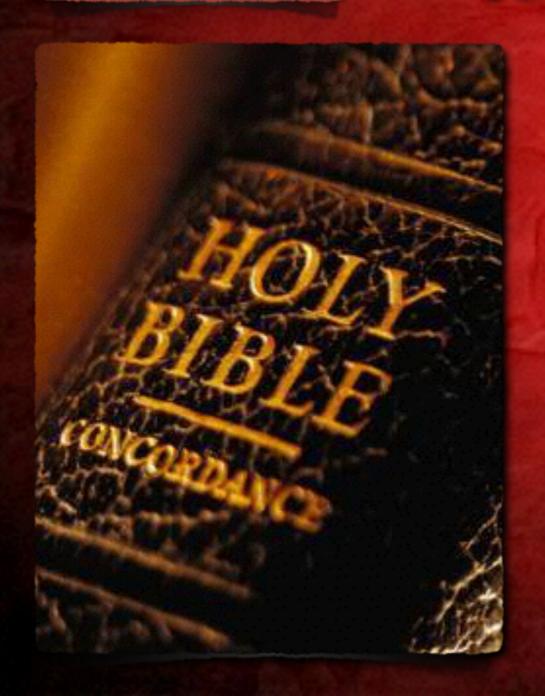
SOMETIMES THE EXPEDIENT THING IS NOT TO DO SOMETHING!



- WE MUST DISCERN
 BETWEEN ESSENTIALS
 AND NON-ESSENTIALS -
 - * Assembling on the first day of the week ... Acts 20:7
 - * Observing the Lord's supper ... Acts 20:7
 - * Contribution ... 1 Cor 16:1,2
 - * Sound, Biblical preaching ... 2 Tim 4:2

Rule #4

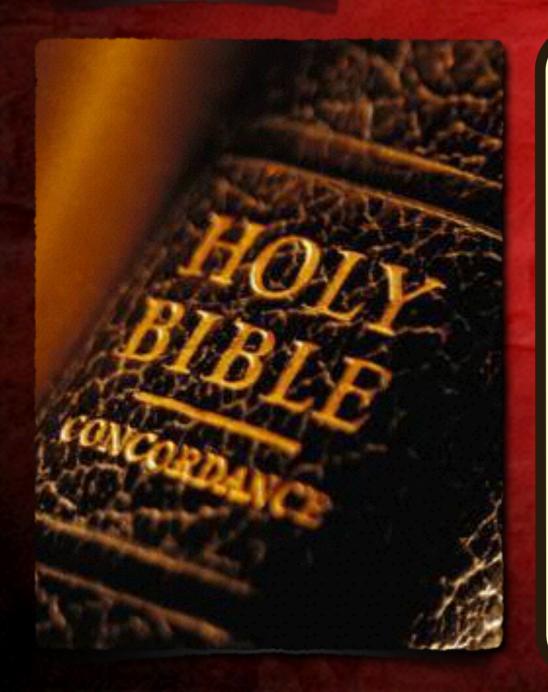
IT MUST NOT CAUSE MY BROTHER TO VIOLATE HIS CONSCIENCE



IT IS SINFUL TO PRESSURE ANOTHER INTO DOING WHAT THEY SINCERELY CONSIDER TO BE WRONG -VIOLATING THEIR CONSCIENCE -

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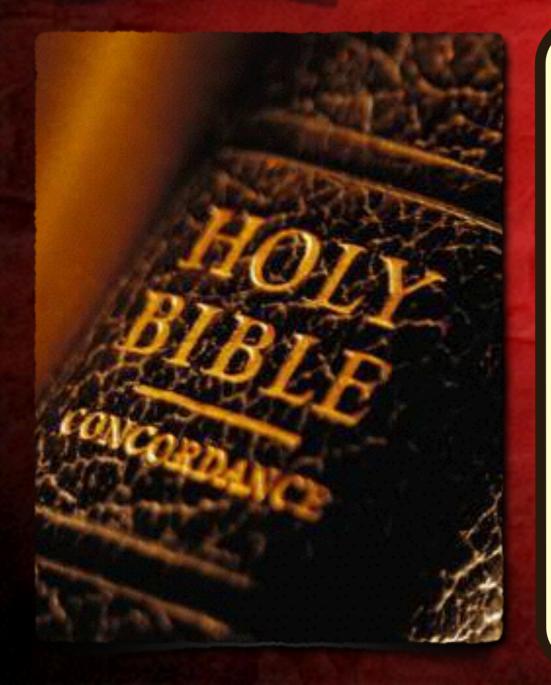


1 Corinthians 8:9,13

⁹But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. ¹³Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

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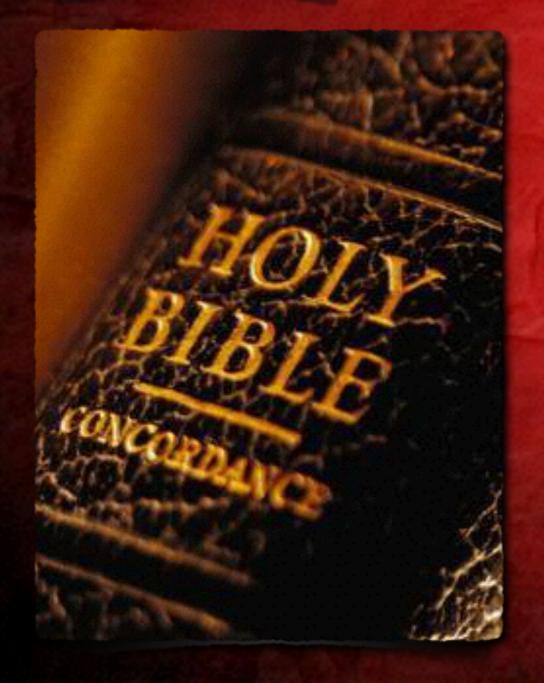


Romans 14:15-21

²¹It is good neither to eat meat nor drink wine nor do anything by which your brother stumbles or is offended or is made weak...

Rule #4

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ROMANS 14:13-23

13 . . let us . . . resolve not to put a stumbling block in *our* brother's way.

14 . . . nothing unclean of itself; but -

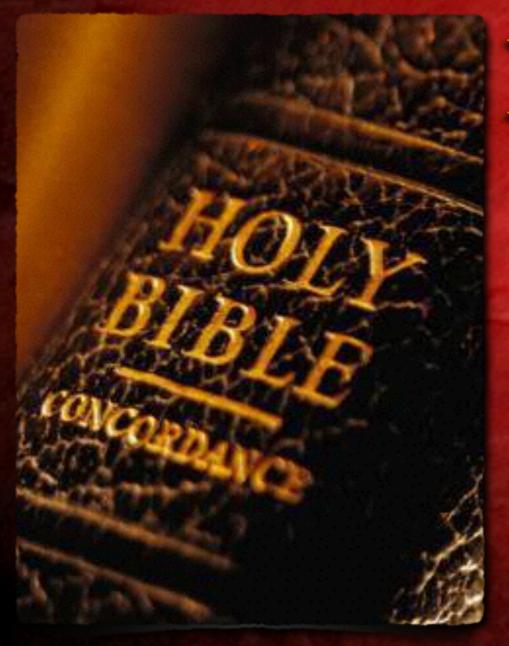
15 . . . Do not destroy

²⁰ . . . *it is* evil to eat with offense.

²³But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because *he does* not *eat* from faith; for whatever *is* not from faith is sin.

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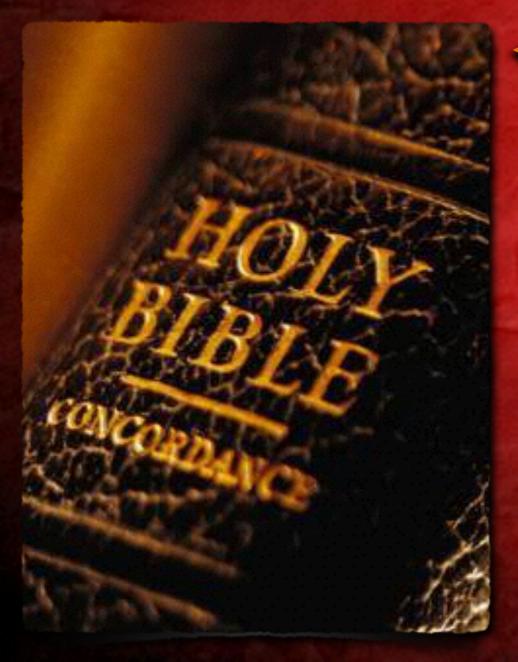
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- IN MATTERS OF EXPEDIENCY
- ✓ If a thing is sinful, or if it is not authorized, it is wrong regardless even if not conscientiously opposed 1 Cor 6:9-11; Gal 5:19-21; 2 Jn 9
 - * Raffles to raise funds 1 Cor 16:1,2
 - * Church sponsored institutions (colleges, hospitals, care facilities, etc)
 - * General benevolence Acts 2:44
 - * Church sponsored recreation Rom 14:17; 1 Tim 5:16

Rule #4

IT MUST NOT CAUSE MY BROTHER TO VIOLATE HIS CONSCIENCE



- Do we have to give in to EVERY LITTLE doubt in the realm of expediencies?
 - * Are we open to study? --- OR have we decided our opinions & beliefs do we have the attitude "Don't confuse me with the facts!"
 - * Are we concerned with the wellbeing, and growth of the church? Or are we being selfish & holding the church back?

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The Principle of Submission

"How To Establish Faith - Is It [AN] Expedient?"

THE PRINCIPLE IS:

AN "EXPEDIENT" IS AN AID THAT IS SUITABLE FOR CARRYING OUT THAT WHICH IS AUTHORIZED

THAT WHICH ASSISTS IS AN AID; THAT WHICH CHANGES (EITHER BY ADDITION, SUBTRACTION OR ALTERATION) IS UNAUTHORIZED.

THE FIRST IS PERMITTED WHILE THE SECOND IS CONDEMNED.

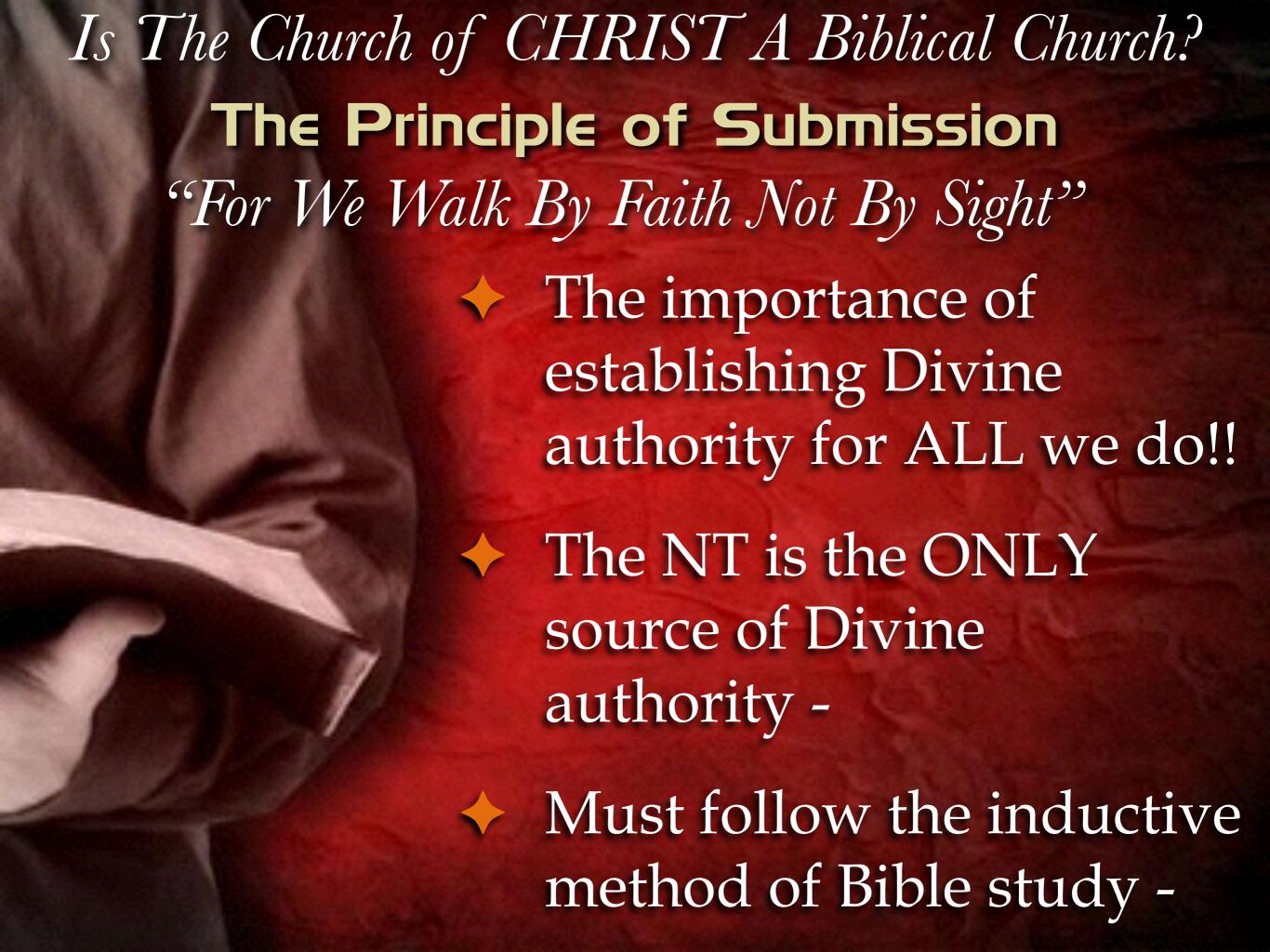
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- Does it Edify?
- Does Cause My Brother To Violate His Conscience?

- * Instrumental Music Choirs Soloist -Entertainment
- * Women Leading Prayer, serving the Lord's supper, preaching –
- * Raffle Tickets, Bake Sales, Car Washes, Chili Suppers, etc. . .
- * Communion Monthly, Quarterly, Annually, Thursday ...
- Dedicating Babies / birthday celebrations / anniversaries / Children's Church –
- Plays (Drama) Applause HandWaving -





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13 Therefore us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother's way. 14 I know and am convinced by the Lord Jesus that there is nothing unclean of itself; but to him who considers anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean.

15 Yet if your brother is grieved because of your food, you are no longer walking in love. Do not destroy with your food the one for whom Christ died. 16 Therefore do not let your good be spoken of as evil; ¹⁷ for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

18 For he who serves Christ in these things is acceptable to God and approved by men. ¹⁹ Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another. 20 Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All things indeed are pure, but it is evil for the man who eats with offense.

21 It is good neither to eat meat nor drink wine nor do anything by which your brother stumbles or is offended or is made weak. 22 Do you have faith? Have it to yourself before God. Happy is he who does not condemn himself in what he approves. 23 But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin.

⁴ Therefore concerning the eating of things offered to idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is no other God but one. ⁵ For even if there are socalled gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as there are many gods and many lords), 6 yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live.

⁷ However, there is not in everyone that knowledge; for some, with consciousness of the idol, until now eat it as a thing offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. 8 But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. ⁹ But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak.

10 For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? 11 And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died?

But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. ¹³ Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.