



*Is The Church of
CHRIST A
Biblical Church?*

**The
Principle of
Submission**

*“Worshipping God
By Faith”*

The Lord's Supper

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

“How To Establish Faith”

Matthew 21:25-26



From Heaven

Mt. 21:23-27

1 John 4:4-6

Gal. 1:6-9

Col. 2:6-10

2 Thess. 2:15

**Only Two
Possible
Sources**

From Men

Mt. 15:1-9

1 Cor. 4:6

Gal. 1:10-17

Col. 2:8

2 Thess. 2:2-4

From Heaven or Men?

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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

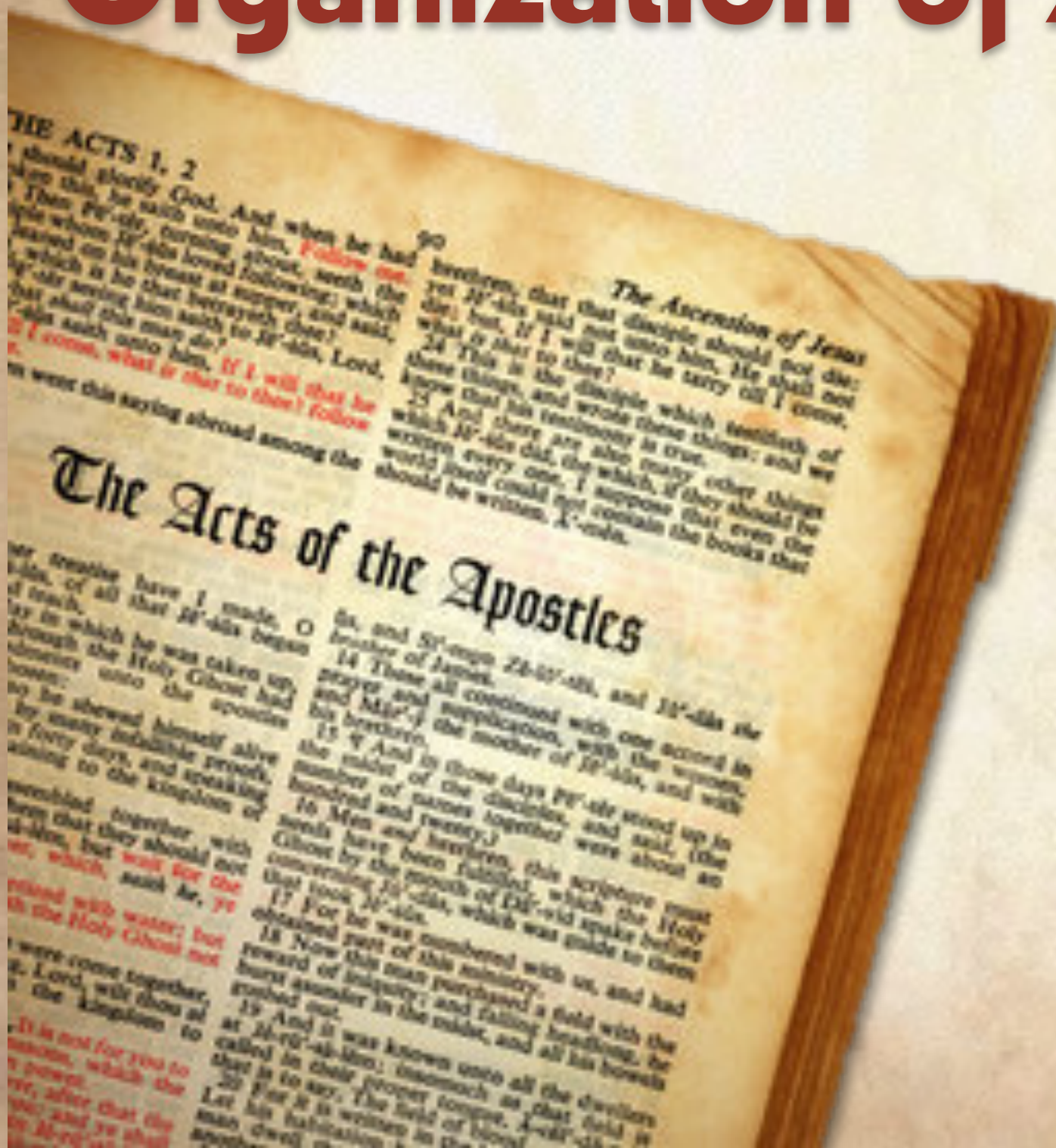
Jude 3

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

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THE N.T. PATTERN FOR THE

Organization of A Local Church



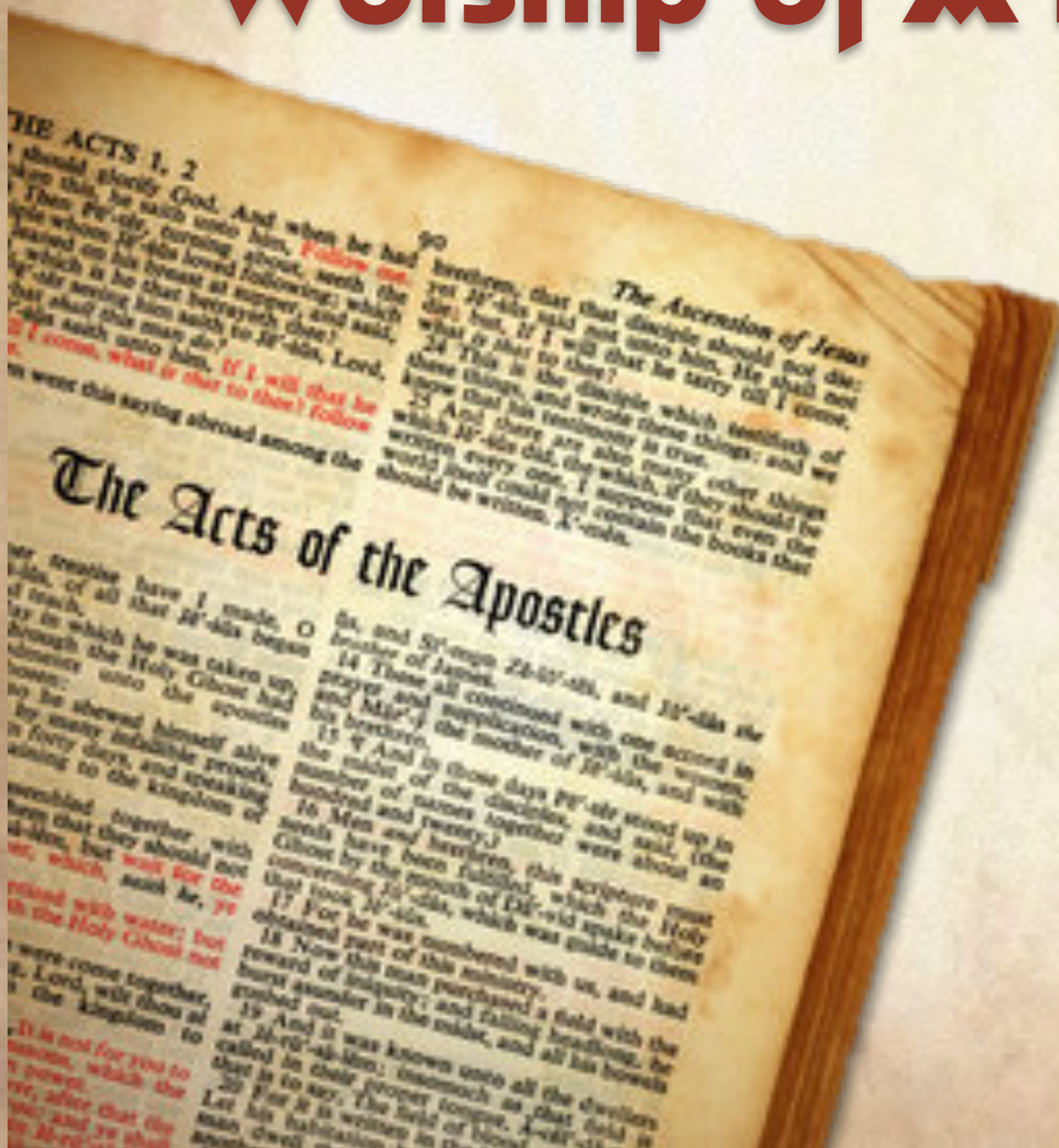
- ◆ Christ the head
- ◆ Elders (bishops, pastors)
- ◆ Deacons to serve
- ◆ Evangelist, teachers & saints

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THE N.T. PATTERN FOR THE Worship of A Local Church

Compile all references to the subject including direct statements, approved actions, and necessary implications.



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THE N.T. PATTERN FOR THE **Worship of A Local Church**

John 4:23-24 (NKJV)


²³ But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. ²⁴ God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

- ◆ God has always ONLY accepted worship from those who offered it from their heart (**in spirit**) and in accordance with His Law (**& truth**).
- ◆ Ordinances of the OT were until "the time of reformation" (He 9:9-10), i.e., the NT.
- ◆ NT worship is more in keeping with the nature of God & relates more to the spiritual side of man.

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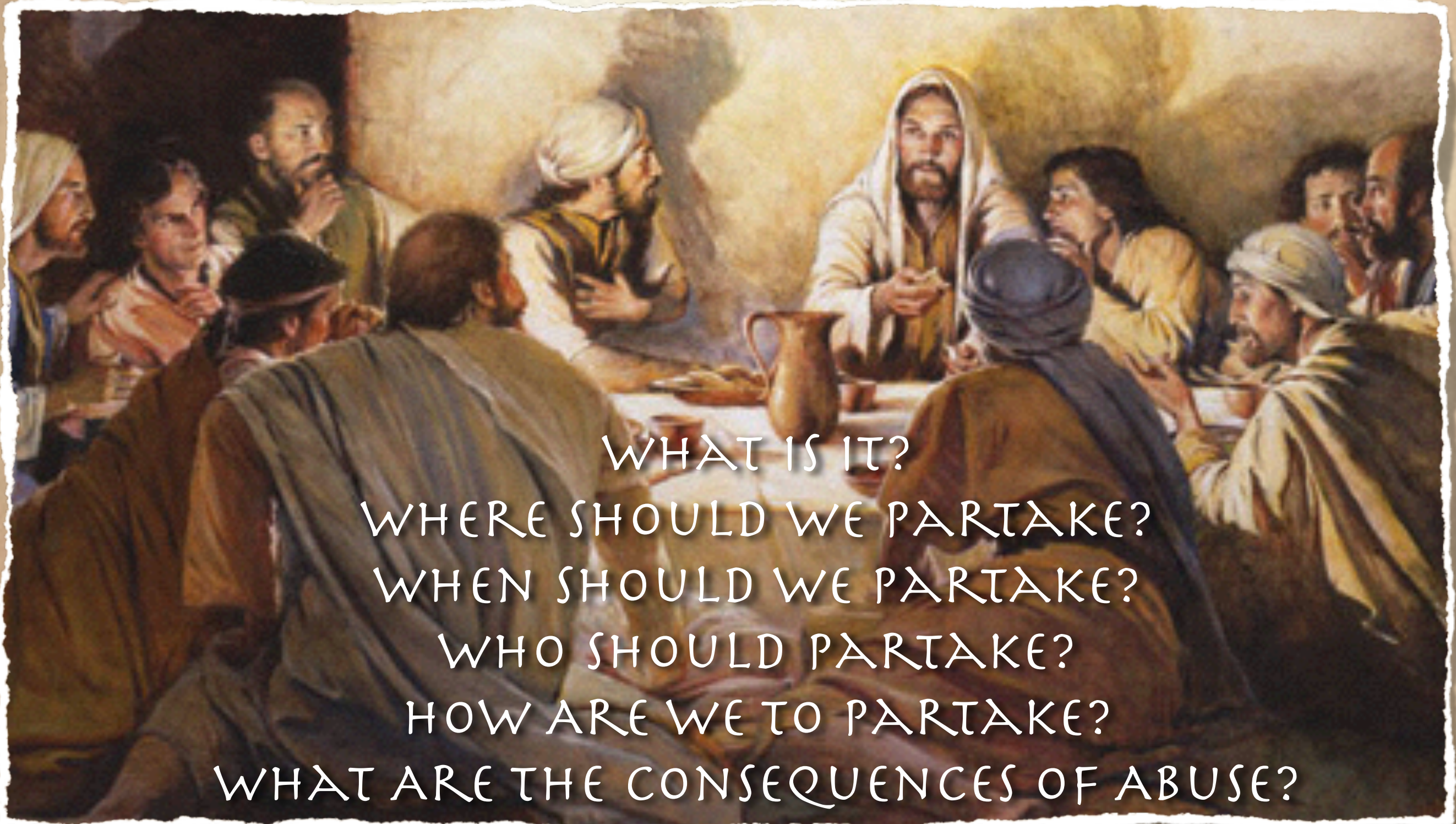
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- ◆ Our worship **MUST** demonstrate reverence for God - Lev 10:3; Heb 12:28,29
- ◆ Obeying God's revealed will is the **ONLY** way we can show reverence for Him - Eccl 12:13,14; Rom 10:1-3

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THE N.T. PATTERN FOR THE **Observing The Lord's Supper**



WHAT IS IT?

WHERE SHOULD WE PARTAKE?

WHEN SHOULD WE PARTAKE?

WHO SHOULD PARTAKE?

HOW ARE WE TO PARTAKE?

WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES OF ABUSE?

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MATTHEW 26:26-29 (NKJV)

²⁶ And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples and said, "**Take, eat; this is My body.**" ²⁷ Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, "**Drink from it, all of you.**" ²⁸ **For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.** ²⁹ **But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."**

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WHAT THE LORD'S SUPPER IS NOT

INCORRECTLY REFERRED TO:

- ◆ As The Passover
- ◆ As The Eucharist
- ◆ As The "Mass"
- ◆ As A "Sacrament"
- ◆ As A Church "Ordinance"
- ◆ As A Social "Love Feast"



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WHAT THE LORD'S SUPPER IS:

- ◆ **“Take eat”** – a command for all Christians – (1 Cor 11:23,24)
- ◆ **“This is My body”** – The unleavened bread signifies the flesh of Jesus — (Mat. 26:26; Mk 14:22; Lk 22:19; 1 Cor 11:24)
- ◆ **“This is My blood of the new covenant”** – The fruit of the vine signifies the blood of the new covenant which was shed for our sins – (Mat 26:27,28; Mk 14:24; Luke 22:20; 1 Cor. 11:25)



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WHAT THE LORD'S SUPPER IS:

REFERRED TO IN SCRIPTURE AS:

- ◆ The Lord's Supper (1 Cor 11:20)
- ◆ Breaking bread (Acts 20:7; 2:42)
- ◆ Communion (1 Cor 10:16)
- ◆ Cup of the Lord (1 Cor 10:21)
- ◆ The Lord's Table (1 Cor 10:21)
- ◆ Eating the bread & drinking the cup – (1 Cor 11:26-29)
- ◆ Feast of Charity (Jude 12)



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WHAT THE LORD'S SUPPER IS:

REFERRED TO IN SCRIPTURE AS:

- ◆ **A Memorial** – (Luke 22:19; 1 Cor. 11:24,25; 1 Peter 1:12-15)
- ◆ **A Communion** – (1 Cor. 10:16-17; 11:33-34)
- ◆ **A Proclamation** – (1 Cor. 11:26; of God's love - John 3:16; End of the Law - Heb 9:15-17; The establishment of the kingdom- Lk 22:29,30)
- ◆ **An Act of Anticipation** – (1 Cor 11:26; 1 Thes 1:9,10; 2 Pet 3:9-15)



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WHAT THE LORD'S SUPPER IS:

THE ELEMENTS...

- ◆ "Unleavened bread" – (Mat 26:26; Ex. 12:15,19-20)
- ◆ "Fruit of the vine" – (Mat 26:27-29; Mark 14:25; Luke 22:18)
 - ✦ The word wine, (oinos) is never used in reference to the Lord's supper
 - ✦ The clear connotation is that of grape juice freshly expressed from the vine.



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WHERE DO WE PARTAKE?

- ◆ No Particular Physical Place - (John 4:21-24)
- ◆ In The Kingdom - (Luke 22:29,30; John 18:36)
- ◆ In The Assembly - (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor 11:19, 20, 21, 33; Heb 10:25)



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WHEN SHOULD WE PARTAKE?

- ◆ The Disciples Came Together on the First Day of the Week For The Purpose of Observing the Lord's Supper - (Acts 20:7)
- ◆ They regularly Assembled on the First Day of the Week - (1 Cor 16:1,2; Acts 2:42)



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WHEN SHOULD WE PARTAKE?

- ◆ **Command** – “Do this in remembrance of Me” 1 Cor 11:25
- ◆ **Example** – “Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread . . .”
- ◆ **Necessary implication** – Every week has a first day . . . The day WHEN they came together to break bread. (Ex 20:8; 1 Cor 16:1)



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WHEN SHOULD WE PARTAKE?

The Didache 14:1

But on the Lord's day, after that ye have assembled together, break bread and give thanks, having in addition confessed your sins, that your sacrifice may be pure.



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WHEN SHOULD WE PARTAKE?

Justin Martyr - Chapter LXVII.—Weekly worship of the Christians.

And on the day called Sunday, all who live in cities or in the country gather together to one place, . . . Then we all rise together and pray, and, as we before said, when our prayer is ended, bread and wine and water are brought, and the president in like manner offers prayers and thanksgivings, according to his ability



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WHEN SHOULD WE PARTAKE?



B.W. Johnson

Peoples New Testament – Acts 20:7
“They came together, primarily, to break bread, i. e., to observe the Lord's Supper.
Dean Howson says: "We have here an unmistakable allusion to the practice, which began evidently immediately after the resurrection of our Lord, of assembling on the first day of the week ...”

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WHEN SHOULD WE PARTAKE?



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Peoples New Testament – Acts 20:7
“... He also shows that the Lord arose on the first day of the week, showed himself to the apostles a second time one week later on the first day of the week, that the church was founded and the Holy Spirit shed forth on Pentecost, which was on the first day of the week. On the same day the disciples at Troas meet to break bread, ...”

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WHEN SHOULD WE PARTAKE?



B.W. Johnson

Peoples New Testament – Acts 20:7
“... the Corinthians meet, take collections (1 Co_16:2) . . . and the Lord on Patmos reveals himself to John (Rev_1:10). In addition to this, the early church writers from Barnabas, Justin Martyr, Irenæus, to Clement of Alexandria, Origen and Cyprian, all with one consent, declare that the church observed the first day of the week. ...”

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WHEN SHOULD WE PARTAKE?



B.W. Johnson

Peoples New Testament – Acts 20:7
“... They are equally agreed
that the Lord's Supper was
observed weekly, on the
first day of the week.”

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WHO SHOULD PARTAKE?

- ◆ Neither "Open" nor "Closed"
- ◆ Christians – (Baptized believers)
the only ones authorized - (Acts 2:42;
20:7; Luke 22:16)
- ◆ Christians who have
examined themselves and
the manner in which they
partake – (1 Cor 11:27-30)



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HOW ARE WE TO PARTAKE?

- ◆ **As authorized** – Right Elements – Right Order – Right Day – (Mat 26:26-28; Luke 22:17-20; Acts 20:7)
- ◆ **After Self Examination** – (1 Cor 11:28; 2 Cor 13:5)
- ◆ **With Pure Hearts – In Sincerity & Truth** – (1 Cor 5:8; Mat 5:23,24)



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WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES OF ABUSE?

- ♦ **The Non-Christian** - already lost - has no communion. - (2 Thes 1:7-9)
- ♦ **The Indifferent Christian** - Shows disrespect for the purchase price of his redemption - (1 Cor 11:27-29)
- ♦ **The rebellious Christian** - (Heb 10:26-30)



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WHAT THE LORD'S SUPPER IS:



A MEMORIAL (11:24-25)

A COMMUNION (11:33; LUKE 22:16)

A PROCLAMATION & EXPRESSION OF HOPE (11:26)

A TIME OF EXAMINATION (11:27, 28)

A SERIOUS ACT – FAILURE TO PROPERLY DISCERN THE
LORD'S BODY IS TO BRING CONDEMNATION UPON
OURSELVES - (1 COR 11:20-22; 27-30; 3:17)

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HOW, WHERE & WHEN TO OBSERVE:



IN THE ASSEMBLY -

Acts 20:7; 1 Cor 11:17,20,33; Heb 10:25

TO BE DONE ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK -

1 Cor 16:1-2; Acts 20:7

TO BE DONE WITH REVERENCE -

Mat. 26:26-29; 1 Cor 11:27, 29

TO BE DONE WITH SELF-EXAMINATION -

1 Cor 11:28

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Leviticus 10:1-7 (NKJV)

¹ Then Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it, put incense on it, and offered profane fire before the Lord, which He had not commanded them. ² So fire went out from the Lord and devoured them, and they died before the Lord.

Leviticus 10:1-7 (NKJV)

³ And Moses said to Aaron, "This is what the Lord spoke, saying: 'By those who come near Me I must be regarded as holy; And before all the people I must be glorified.' " So Aaron held his peace. ⁴ Then Moses called Mishael and Elzaphan, the sons of Uzziel the uncle of Aaron, and said to them, "Come near, carry your brethren from before the sanctuary out of the camp."

Leviticus 10:1-7 (NKJV)

⁵ So they went near and carried them by their tunics out of the camp, as Moses had said. ⁶ And Moses said to Aaron, and to Eleazar and Ithamar, his sons, "Do not uncover your heads nor tear your clothes, lest you die, and wrath come upon all the people. But let your brethren, the whole house of Israel, bewail the burning which the Lord has kindled.

Leviticus 10:1-7 (NKJV)

⁷ You shall not go out from the door of the tabernacle of meeting, lest you die, for the anointing oil of the Lord is upon you." And they did according to the word of Moses.