

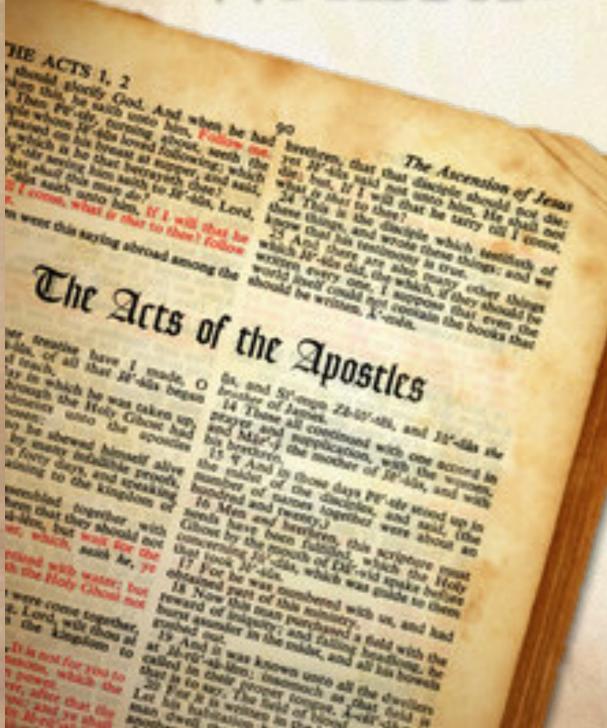
The Principle of Submission

"Serving God By Faith"

The NT Pattern

For Evangelism

WALKING BY FAITH



- ◆ Only Two Possible Sources For All We Believe, Teach &
 ▶ Practice - Heaven? or Men? -Mat 21:25-26
- ◆ God's SILENCE MUST Be Respected - (Faith comes by what God says, not by what He hasn't said) - Rom 10:17
- → 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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ATTITUDES REGARDING THE NEED FOR SCRIPTURAL AUTHORITY

- We do many things for which we have no authority." - Col 3:17; 2 John 9
- ◆"Details do not matter." Heb 8:5; Lev 10:1,2; Num. 20:11;
- We have to change with the times." Jude 3,4; Gal 1:6-9
- ◆"If it is not directly forbidden then it
 must be o.k." Lev. 10:1,2; Num. 20:11; Prov
 30:6; Rev 22:18,19
- ♦ We Must Have A "Thus saith the Lord?"
- Jer 6:16; Col 3:17; 1 Peter 4:11; 2 Cor 5:7

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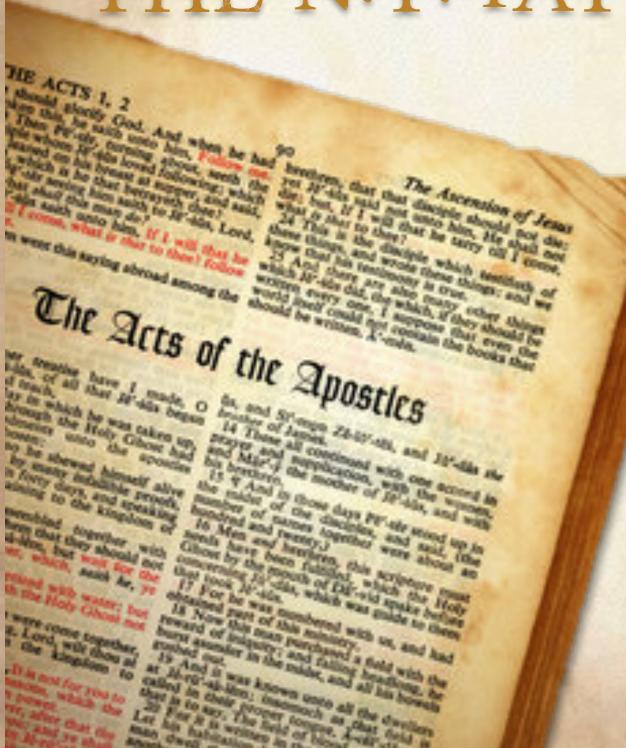
THE COMPREHENSIVE NATURE OF THE NT SCRIPTURES



- **◆Understandable** Eph 3:3-5
- ◆Sufficiently Instructs 2 Tim 3:16,17
- **◆Cannot Be Transgressed –**2 Jn 9
- ◆ The totality of information revealed regarding any act of righteousness forms the pattern for that act – 2 Tim 1:13; 3:16,17; 2 Pet 1:3;

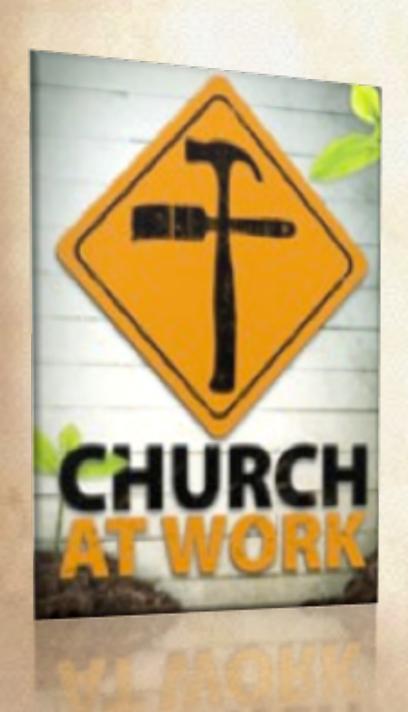
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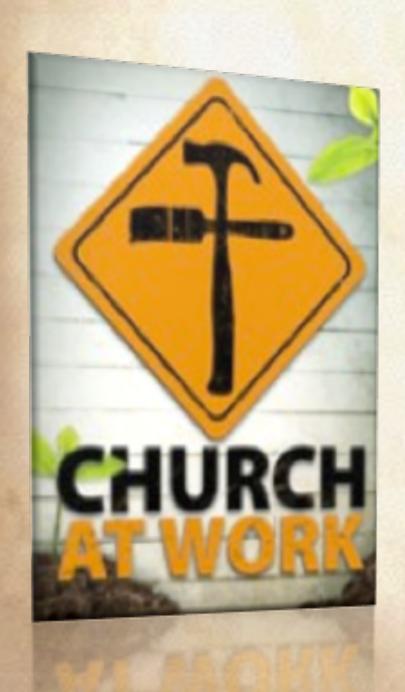
- ORGANIZATION OF A LOCAL CHURCH
 - * Christ the head
 - * Elders (bishops, pastors)
 - * Deacons to serve
 - ★ Evangelist, teachers & saints
- WORSHIP OF A LOCAL CHURCH
 - * The Lord's Supper
 - * Giving To The Lord's Work
 - * Teaching the scriptures
 - * Praying together
 - * Music

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- ◆The Lord equipped local churches to do the work that He has given them - Eph 4:11-16
- ◆ If more organization is needed to carry out a work than is found in the NT – then it should be obvious that such a work is NOT a work of the church – (whether establishing other institutions or reorganizing the local church)

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Work of A Local Church

Evangelism - An Urgent Need



- ◆The universal need Rom 3:9,10,23; Ep 2:1-3,12
- ◆ The ONLY hope for a lost world is the gospel - Rom 1:16,17; Acts 10:6,22,32; 11:14; Rom 10:14-17
- ◆Thus the great commission Mat 28:18-20; Mark 16:15,16; Luke 24:47; Acts 1:8

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Matthew 28:18–20 (NKJV) 18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

Mat 28:18-20

Mark 16:15,16

Mark 16:15–16

(NKJV)

15 And He said to
them, "Go into all the
world and preach
the gospel to every
creature. 16 He who
believes and is
baptized will be
saved; but he who
does not believe will
be condemned.

Luke 24:47

Luke 24:47
(NKJV)

47 and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Acts 1:8

Acts 1:8 (NKJV)

⁸ But you shall
receive power
when the Holy
Spirit has come
upon you; and you
shall be witnesses
to Me in Jerusalem,
and in all Judea
and Samaria, and
to the end of the
earth."

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- ◆The church at Jerusalem (Sent Barnabas out as far as Antioch) Acts 11:19-23
- ◆The church at Antioch (Sent Barnabas & Saul) Acts 13:1-3; 14:26-27
- ◆The churches of Macedonia (Helped supply Paul's necessities) 2
 Cor. 11:8,9
- ◆The church at Philippi (At one time was alone in helping Paul sent aide to him "time & again") Phili 1:3-5; 4:14-18
- ◆The church at Thessalonica (Went everywhere preaching the word of the Lord) 1 Thes 1:8

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Church Is Sufficient — 1 Tim. 3:15

The Local Church Direct Support of Evangelist

1 Cor. 9:14; 2 Cor. 11:8; 12:13

♦ Support a gospel preacher locally - 1 Cor. 9:14; 2 Cor. 11:8; 12:13

- ◆Support a gospel preacher in another area Phili. 1:3-5; 4:15
- **◆Support a gospel preacher with** other churches 2 Cor. 11:8,9

Local

Local church

No other institution
No violation of LC autonomy

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The Local Church Supporting A Missionary Society?

No Scripture!!!!!!

No Divine authority for supporting gospel preachers through another organization!

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An Unauthorized institution decides WHO, WHAT, WHERE & AMOUNT

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What Is "World Bible School?" [WBS]

an organization that employs methods, hires personnel and solicits contributions from churches for doing its work. It is not a local church, the Lord's organization, but an organization formed by a man (Jimmie Lovell) for doing what local churches are to do.

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"Sponsoring Church" Arrangement?

- 1.A church sponsors a foreign work, with its elders overseeing the evangelist(s) and the congregation(s) in a particular area
- 2.A church sponsors a work beyond its own ability to finance (e.g., TV, radio), and asks other churches to financially support its efforts
- 3.A church sponsors an evangelist, with other churches channeling their support of said evangelist through the auspices and control of the sponsoring church

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"Sponsoring Church" Arrangement?

Examples -

- 1. The Highland church in Abilene, Texas, sponsoring church for the Herald of Truth radio & TV program
- 2. The "One Nation Under God" sponsored by Sycamore church in Cookeville, TN,
- 3. The Gospel Broadcasting Network (GBN), sponsored by a church in Southaven, MS,

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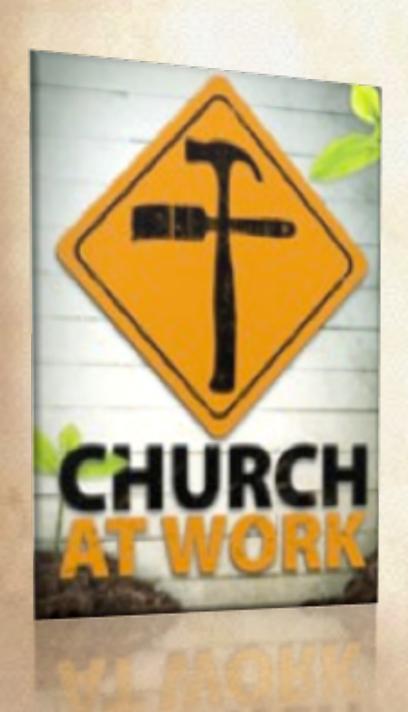
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- ◆ No Divine Authority!
- → Violation of local church autonomy!
 - 1 Pet 5:2; Acts 20:28; He 13:7,17
- ★ Too much authority given to elders -1 Pet 5:2; Acts 20:28
- Not concurrent cooperation but collective cooperation - cf. 2Co 8:13-14
- ◆ Seeks to activate the universal church
- ◆ Leads to denominationalism

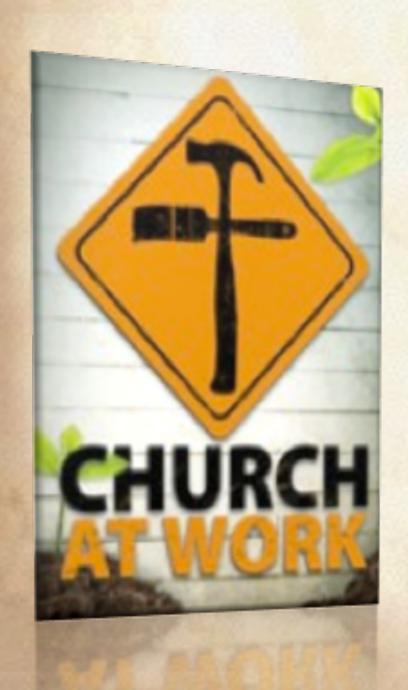


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ACTS 12:25-13:5 (NKJV)

²⁵ And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had fulfilled their ministry, and they also took with them John whose surname was Mark. 1 Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.



ACTS 12:25-13:5 (NKJV)

² As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." 3 Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away. 4 So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit,



ACTS 12:25-13:5 (NKJV)

they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus. 5 And when they arrived in Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. They also had John as their assistant.

