

Study of Authority Part #2

INTRODUCTION:

1. In our last lesson we learned
 - (a) What Authority Is?
 - (b) Our Source of Authority.
2. We are interested today in learning How to Establish Authority. 2 Tim. 3:16-17; Col. 3:17; 2 Tim. 2:15

I. THREE WAYS TO ESTABLISH AUTHORITY

A. By Direct Statement or Command

1. Examples
 - a. All Must Repent Acts 17:30; Luke 13:3,5
 - b. All Must Be Baptized to Be Saved. Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38
 - c. All Disciples are to Contribute 1 Cor. 16:1-2
 - d. Assembling of the Saints Heb. 10:25

B. An Approved Example (An Example approved by an inspired man)

1. Examples
 - a. Breaking of Bread on the first day of the week Acts 20:7
 - b. Churches sending to the relief of others in benevolence. Acts 11:29-30

C. Necessary inference:

1. An inference is a logical conclusion drawn from given data or premises. A conclusion that is necessary.
2. Examples of necessary inference:
 - a. Lot went down into Egypt with Abram Gen. 13:1; 12:10
 - b. Before he was baptized Jesus went down into the water Mat. 3:16

II. THREE WAYS OF ESTABLISHING AUTHORITY ILLUSTRATED BY THE LORD'S SUPPER

A. We learn what to eat and drink by a direct command or statement. Matt. 26:26-28; Luke 22:18

B. We know when to eat and drink by an Approved example Acts 20:7

1. Only reference to the day in the Bible to do so
2. Any other day would be acting without Bible Authority.

C. How often or Frequency of eating by a Necessary inference Acts 20:7

1. Since they met on the 1st day of the week it is inferred that they met each first day of every week since each week has a 1st day.
2. When a thing is to be observed only one time a year, a month and the day of the month must be specified.
 - a. Your birthday, or mine (April 6th), only one time a year.
 - b. Day of Pentecost - Morrow after the seventh Sabbath from the Sabbath of the Passover Lev. 23:15,16
 1. Thus always 50 days from the Sabbath of the Passover
 2. And thus always on the first day of the week

3. Things to be observed one time each month must be specified by the day of the month.

- a. Rent, a payment, a school teacher's salary.

4. Therefore a weekly observance only the day of the week need be specified. Ex. 20:10

D. Where would these things fall?

1. Vocal Singing - Direct statement Eph. 5:19
2. Instrumental Music - Human Authority no New Testament Authority by any of the three methods of est. authority we have discussed.
3. Baptism - Direct statement Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38
 - a. We also know it was in water by Example – Acts 8:36-38
 - b. We know it was a burial by direct statement – Col. 2:12; Rom. 6:3-4