

ASSEMBLY AND THE LORD'S SUPPER II

***** This is continued from last week:

THE LORD'S SUPPER PARTAKEN IN THESE ASSEMBLIES:

Paul gives testimony of his attending services at Troas, wherein there was served the Lord's Supper, Acts 20:7. The brethren at Corinth met and in this assembly there was a *"laying by in store,"* I Cor. 16:1-2; also, at the same time, in the assembly there was the breaking of bread, I Cor. 11:17-20. When Paul used the pronoun, **"we"** in I Cor. 10:17-20, he included the brethren at Ephesus - that is where the letter was written. So, the church at Ephesus and the Church at Corinth were observing the Lord's Supper in the regular assembly! All of this is to show that the Lord's Supper was taken in an assembly, on the "First Day of the week," with unleavened bread and the fruit of the vine.

When the Lord instituted the Lord's Supper, Matt. 26:26-28; Mk. 14:22-24; Lk. 22:14-20, (this is restated in I Cor; 11:23-26), it is in the assembly and upon the "first day of the week," using unleavened bread and the fruit of the vine, that this memorial is remembered. All of the evidence in the New Testament relate to this material presented, as **"uniform"** and in **"agreement."**

When we present the material concerning **"limited Benevolence"** we look at each case and observe the **"uniformity"** of each case and note that in every case of benevolence there is **"agreement"** – we observe this to be a **binding pattern** and declare the benevolence of the Lord's Church is: *"limited benevolence!"* **Are we wrong in this argument?** I think not.

We consider the subject of **singing** in the New Testament and conclude we are to sing, without adding an instrument! Our argument has been: the argument of **"uniformity"** proves we are to sing and not use an instrument! **Are we wrong in this argument?** Again, I do not believe we have been wrong!

So, the Lord's Supper is to be partaken on the "first day of the week," "unleavened bread," "fruit of the vine," and in an **"assembly"** of God's people; thus, we have a **"binding pattern!"**

In Mt. Pleasant, Texas, many years ago, a special lecture was being conducted on Sunday afternoon; the subject of **"limited benevolence"** was being addressed. Bro. Gayle Oler, superintendent of Boles Orphan Home, was present and had somewhat to say about **"general benevolence."** [He was compelled to argue **"general benevolence,"** because many of the children at Boles Orphan Home were not Christians]. He was asked, "If general benevolence is to be had; then **"limited benevolence"** is not true and the **"binding pattern"** of **"uniformity"** does not constitute a binding pattern!" Brother Oler's answer to this statement was: *"I do not believe that to be a binding pattern."* The second question was, *"since you do not believe this to be a "binding pattern," can we eat the Lord's Supper on Thursday evening?"* His answer was, "yes!" He was following the argument through. He had to answer yes.

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