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DIVISION IS SIN.

"For ye are yet carnal,for whereas there is among you envies,st. and divisions; are ye not carnal and walk as men"?1 Cor.3:3. "For be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritualy minded is life and peace",Rom.8:6.

There it is Brethren, we as well face up to the fact; we are on the verge of division; and in viewof the above scriptures, where are we headed? We cant escape our part of the responsibility by taking the Phariseeic attitude and laying it all on the Other fellow. We MUST maintain UNITY on God's word, Eph.4:1-5. We cannot escape the righteous judgment of God, and judge our brethren. Mat.7:1-5; Rom.2:1-11.

Where God has spoken we MUST HEW to the line Mat.7:21; Rev.22:14; Heb.5:8,9; 1 Thes.1:7,8; Jno.12:47,48.

Where God has not spoken in those things that no where contradict, or conflict with that which is spoken in the word of God; in those things we have LIBERTY, provided our LIBERTY does not cause a brother to become offended, stumble, or is made weak;Rom.14:21; 1 Cor.8:9; 1 Cor.10:32; Rom.14:10-13.

We must not persuade a man to do a thing in which he is in DOUBT, for if we do we cause him to be self condemned; Rom.14:14; Rom.14:23.

If we sin against the brethren and wound their weak conscience, we sin against Christ; 1 Cor.8:12; 1 Cor 6:12; 1 Cor.10: 29-32; Rom.14:21-23. We MUST recieve the weak but not to doubtful disputation; Rom.14:1.

We must bear the infermity of the weak,for their good unto edification; Rom.15:1,2. And as a cap sheaf,get this:"Wherefore recieve ye one another, as Christ also recieved us to the glory of God." Rom.15:7. When Christ recieved me to the glory of God;I was so ignorant as to the things that were in the doctrine of Christ; it was pitiful; and I am persuaded it was the same with you,without you were extraordinary. And now,must I demand a 100% perfection,or any thing near to it and expect to escape the righteous judgment of God? Mat.7:1-5; Rom.2:1-11.God will measure the same rule to us we mete out to our brother.Lets not over estimate ourselves.

Brethren,we have been so busy getting "FIRM" on some things ; we have forgottem some weighty matters as:Love,joy,peace,longsuffering, gentelness, goodness, faith , meekness and temperance;Gal. 5:22,23; Eph.4:1-6; 2 Tim.2:24-26. We have, and are failing to obey the command;"I Charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect Angels, that thou observe these things without ~~partiality~~, prefering one before another, doing nothing by partiality"1 Tim. 5:21.We cant afford to ignore such commands.

Now to the things on which we are about to divide; Viz., The assembling of the Saints, and the eating of the Lord's supper. We are commanded to ASSEMBLE; Heb.10:25. And this is backed up by an example in Acts 20:7; togather with statements to that effect in 1 Cor.11:18, 20,33.

The time of the ASSEMBLING is, "The first day of the week"; Acts 20:7.

We next learn from the Bible, what is meant by the expression,"The first day of the week". In Gen. Chapter 1, and 2:1-3,we see the creation WEEK; and it was a week of seven days, each containing an EVENING (the dark), and MORNING (the light). Gen,1:5;Says, "---and the evening and the morning were the first day". I ask,"The first day of what? The answer is,"The first day of the week"; the week of creation.

Lev.23:5; says;"In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the Lord's passover"--, It was killed,"At the going down of the sun"; Deut 16:6. Therefore the EVENING began at the going down of the sun". But they ate it at night; Exod.12:8. Hence,the evening was the night. Hence,we see at the creation,"The first day of the week",consisted of an EVENING (dark or night) and a MORNING (the daylight); a period of twentyfour hours. "IF" the evening did preceed the morning at the creation; we must admit it consisted of an EVENING (night) and a MORNING (daylight); a twentyfour hour period,"The first day of the week".

Yes,I know some good brethren use Gen.1:5; and Jno.11:9; where the word,"DAY", is used in counterdistinction to night to try to prove that the expression,"The first day of the week", contained only twelve hours. But where, O, Ehere is the expression ######## # "the first day of the week used to definitely mean a twelve hour day? Echo, WGERE? Brethren, it is not there. We now go to the new Testament.

In Jno.20:1-3, on "The first day of the week",Jesus rose from the dead. See Luke 24:1-3;Mark 16:1-6; Matthew 28:1-6. We learn from these that on "the first day of the week",about sun up,Jesus rose from the dead.

In Jno.20:3-18, we see the activities of the Apostles dureing the first part of the "First day of the week" But verse 19 begins by saying,"Then the same day---"; this shows that something happened,"THE SAME DAY" that Jesus rose. But get the next phrase;"AT EVENING". But we have shown that "EVENING" was NIGHT. Hence, we see that the EVENING (night) following the MORNING (DAYLIGHT), was a part and a portion of "THE SAME DAY".Get it brother. And get this also; the next statement of the same verse;"BEING THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK" Hence,we see the daylight plus the EVENING (night) following it, is what the new Testament calls,"THE FORST DAY OF THE WEEK". Read and re-read that 19 verse,Brother, you can make nothing else out of it.

I am not condemning our good brethren who thinks the expression,"The first day of the week",consists of ONLY twelve hours. For when they eat the Lord's supper during that time,they are eating it on"The first day of the week": for the Expression,"The first day of the week",includes both the daylight and the night as I have shown. I would not for my right arm persuade one of our "daylight only" brethren to eat the supper at night without first convincing him it was a part of the "First day of the week"; for if he ate with a "DOUBT" he would be s self condemned; Rom.14:23.

The trouble arises when one MUST work on Sunday to support his family and obey 1 Tim.5:8; and is designated unfaithful,when he is not. Even though they will deny it;but it # seems some of our brethren think the "First day of the week" is a sabbath,and nothing should be done in except,go th church,go fishing, or otherwise fulfill their desires. If you feel that way read Rom. 14:5,6.We should use all of EVERY day posible doing the Lord's work.

Due to the fact some of our brethren have the misconception that the first day of the week is only the daylight; they could not "TARRY" (1 Cor.11:33),for those who have to work in the daylight;for if they ate DOUBTING,they would be self comdemned.Rom.14:23. But that doesnt give either side the right to disfellowship the other.We "MUST" have unity.

We should not forget the time we set to meet is wholly of man. God gave us a day ;not two or three hours,nor a half of a day.

Some of our brethren feel that those who have jobs that they must work on Sunday, they should give them up,and offer their bodies a living sacrifice.Rom.12:1,2. Also Mat.19:27-29 is offered also to shw what we should "FORSAKE". Read verse 29 and see the things we are to "FORSAKE",Father,mother,brothers,sisters,wives,and children. Doesany one really believe we are to "FORSAKE" our wives and children to the extent we do not support them and disobey 1 Tim.5:8?? If they do,did te do that when they married? While us preachers are preaching this to the brethren,we should set the example by forsaking our families,and obeying the exampoe set by Paul when he said;"Yea so have I striven to preach the gospel,not where Christ was named,,lest I should build on another man's foundation".Rom.15:20. Is that we preachers practice or do we go where there are at least a few disciples? Behold, the legs of the lame are not equel.

Still,if we judge the brethren and ask them to give up their job to support their families and thus disobey 1 Tim.5:8: we should do the same our selves and besides follow the Apostolic example of Paul,and preach the gospel where Christ is not named,lest we build on another man's foundation.Rom.15:20. But one says why not support the fellow who has the Sunday job till he gds another?""IF"" they would ;that might do; but why burden the Church with him when he has plenty time to eat the supper on"the first day of the week?

Dont forget that Jesus said,"Where two or three are gathered toge... in my name,there am I in their midst" Mat.18:20. It doesn't take a big crowd;just two or three. No,we do not claim it is LIBERTY when we eat the supper; a thus saith the Lord,"The first day of the week",is our authority. We are using LIBERTY when we SET a certain hour to meet. There is no other authority for it.

When we judge our brethren on this matter we become a judge of the law and not a doer of the lawas James 4:11,states. "Let a man EXAMINE HIMSELF, and so LET HIM eat of that bread and drink of thar cup",1 Cor.11:28; and when we assume the "EXAMINING" we violate that command.

Take a church composed of 4 "daylig only" brethren and eight that uses any time the "first day of the week" Four has a sunday job. The "Daylight only"brethren cannot "TARRY" (1 Cor.11:33) and eat at night with them; for they would eat with a "DOUBT" and would be self condemned. Rom.14:23.Those four who work on Sunday ask us to leave the table set so they can eat at night. Would we do it? and LET them EXAMINE THEMSELVES, and so LET them eat of lat of that bread and drink of that cup"--1 Cor.11:28; or would we do the "EXAMINING" and condemn them and thus violate that plain command?

No,it is not TWO SUPPERSIt is only one. Due to the fact the "DAY LIGHT" only" brethren could not tarry till night; for they would eat with a "DOUBT" and condemn themselves. So, they left the table set and "LET a man examine himself and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup" (1 Cor.11:28), as God commanded.

Yes, the bread and fruit of the vine are still emblematic of Jesus' body and blood. When God consecrates a thing it stays so till used or properly destroyed.

The ram used to consecrate the priests was eaten that night. if any was left till morning it was burned. Astranger could not eat it for it was Holy;Exod 29:31-34. The Passover lamb was eaten that night and if any was left over it was burned with fire.Exod 12:8-10. In either case these things which were holy did not TURN BACK TO JUST SHEEP: Neither does the Bread and F.O.V. turn back to just bread and fruit of the vine but remain so till eaten or properly destroyed.

Those things written afore time were our examples; see,1 Cor 10: 6,11; Rom.15:4.

No,we do not have to ask God to re-consecrate them; but if we wish we can thank the Lord that we were permitted to partake of them. Thangsgiving is always in order. See,Col.3:17;Eph.5:20.

Another example that holy things remain holy till used or destroyed is in Numb 16:1-39;. Note those censers of those wicked men were Holy because they had been offered before the Lord verse 38. Sure (v.39) they could bring a loaf and cup of the F.O.V. and consecrate them by thanks.Jesus promised to be with two or three Mat.18:20.

Rev.3:14-20; We see a Church which have drifted till the Lord is OUTSIDE knocking for admittance. And he says,"If any man hear my voice and open the door I will come in and sup with him and he with me" verse 20. Do you believe it? I do. Se also Mat.26:29.Jesus promised to eat with us.

Under such EXTREME CIRCUMSTANCES "Any man",a man,may eat with his Lord as sure as the above scripture is true;and it is. God has always taken care of the imposibilities. He has done the things for us we could not do ourselves. When Man fell,he could not offer a sacrifice that would remove sin. God took care of the "IMPOSIBILITY" and sent his son, to do that "Imposibility", die for us.In Numbers chapter nine verse 6, we find some men because of being defiled could not offer the Passover sacrifice THE APPOINTED DAY; But God took care of the imposibility and gave them another day; verses 10,11. Note; God did not excuse them from keeping the Passover;but took care of the imposibility,the appointed day, and gave them another day.Neither does God excuse us from eating the supper; but from the "IMPOSIBLE", the man set HOUR to ASSEMble. Unlike the Israelites in Numb.9:--- we still have plenty of God given time,"The first day of the week"to attend to it. We should not loose sight of the fact the Hour of worship is a time set by US; God gave us a day,"The first day of the week".

No,I am not defending the WILFUL ABSENTER. If he loved God a and the brethren as he should;nothing short of an "IMPOSIBILITY" could keep him away.He would bend every effort to be with those of a kindred spirit he loved so well.

In our obedience to the gospel,confession is a prerequsite to scriptural baptism; Acts 8:36-39. But confession MUST be made WITH THE MOUTH:Rom.10:9,10. But a totally # dumb man cannot make the "CONFESSION WITH THE MOUTH, AS HE CANNOT SPEAK. So,we all realize God takes care of the "IMPOSIBILITY". He can nod his head,write it,or otherwise. But he cannot confess WITH THE MOUTH. But God does not excuse him from BAPTISM,just because he cannot confess WITH THE MOUTH. Neither does God excuse you from eating the Lord's supper,jut because you cannot ASSEMBLE at man's appointed time. You are still under obligation to eat the supper in remembrance of our Lord. But says one,we should remove the emblems when we dismiss. This cannot be shown. Neither can it be shown that it MUST remain till the end of "The first day of the week". But in the Type, the passover; if the lamb was not eaten it was burned the next morning. Exod.12:8-10.

Brethren I have done my b best to set forth what I could "READ" in God's Holy word about it. I have given Bible for every claim I have made. I am not disfellowshipping any one. I do not believe there is room for any one to go disfellowshipping. If we will all demonstrate the spirit I called your attention to in the first page of this article; each can readily see we can be too harsh with each other. I am still fighting false teaching just as hard as ever. But I am 75 years old and still learning. I realize more than ever,if I expect mercy at the judgment; I must be merciful to others. God demands it of each of us.

"Hereby percieve we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us; And we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren;1 Jno.3:16.

Brethren,if we have such love for each other as that; all the demons of the nether world cannot destroy our unity. And further,if we have that kind of love for one another; we would RUN to give up a LIBERTY for a brother or sister. Let us not try to kid ourselves into believing we can ever make the pearly gate without LOVING OUR BRETHREN. And we will have to demonstrate by example; Rom.15:1,2; 15:7.

We must please one another for his good to edification;Rom.15:2.

I am not expecting every one to agree wih me on my position; but lets all agree on this,TO FIGHT AS WE NEVER FOUGHT BEFORE FOR UNITY.

The trouble with us is; we usually just look from one view point. Lets walk arround to the other side and look at what the other fellow depends on for proof.

We can settle this without condemning ourselves by division. Let us rise up in the strenght God has given us and demonstrate to the world God's people can agree on what is written; even if we do disagree where God has not commanded.

Brethren,this may be my last effort; it may be your last; lets make it a success; it may be later than we think. The gathering storm among the nations are gathering thivk and fast. Practically all prophecy has been fulfilled; we are here only by the mercy of God; lets make good use of it by settleing this this trouble. In eternity this will look awfully small in comparison to loøsing the great inheritance.

Let each of us dō his utmost to please his brother without violating any of Gōd's laws; be longsuffering,kind, forbearing one another in love; and we will succeed.

May God bless and keep you; and all of us to be one as Jesus prayed before he paid the awful price for you and me, is my prayer.

As ever,your brother in Christ for unity,

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