

A Matter Of Authority

Our liberal-minded brethren have argued that the church is authorized to extend benevolence to non-saints. Yet, every example of church benevolence is that of helping saints in need (Acts 2:44-45; 4:32-37; 6:1-6; 11:27-30; Romans 15:25-26; 1 Corinthians 16:1-3; 2 Corinthians 8:1-5; 9:1-2). This constitutes a binding pattern for benevolence.

It is interesting that some will reject the above argument, but turn around and make the same case for the Lord's Supper. There is only one passage in the New Testament that shows us the day upon which the memorial feast is to be observed, Acts 20:7. Many of our liberal-minded brethren will stand upon the statement that the Bible only authorizes the Lord's Supper to be observed on Sunday, no other day, because of the example found in Acts 20:7.

If the example that tells us when the Lord's Supper was observed is binding, then why are the examples of church benevolence not binding? Is it emotion over reason?

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