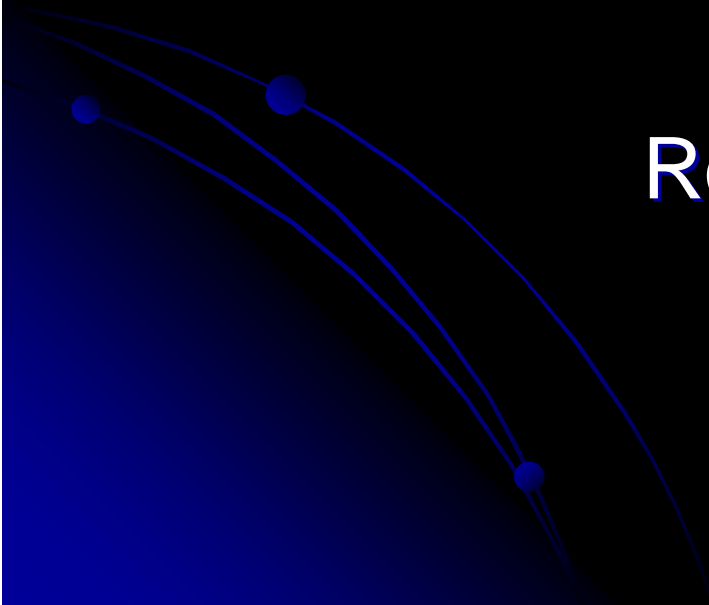


Authority 3

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Would you say:

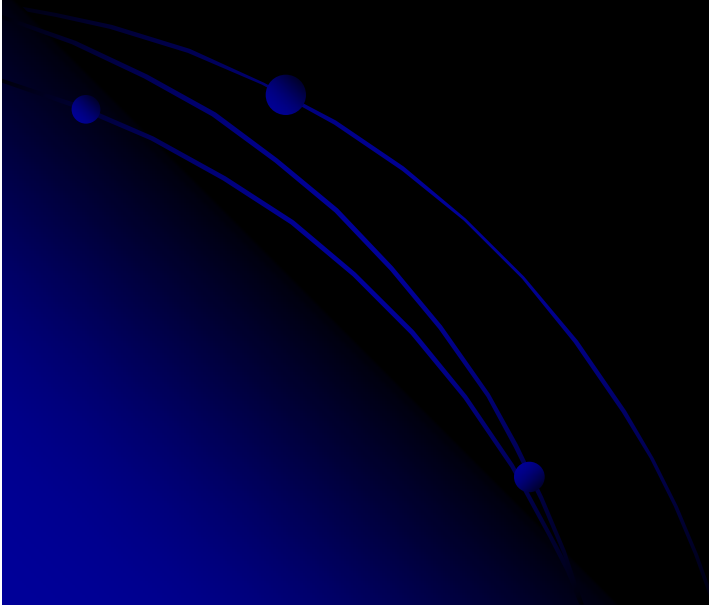
- **“I don’t know we have done that before”**
- **“I think it would be ok- Look at all the good it could do”**
- **“Well, the Bible doesn’t say not to”**
- **Or would you ask, “Where is the authority?”**
- **Hopefully the last, “Where is the authority?”**

How would you determine whether or not it was authorized?

- **Hopefully you would say that in Acts 15, the question of being saved by the Law of Moses was settled by:**
 - **Direct command (Acts 15:13-18)**
 - **Approved example (Acts 15:12)**
 - **Necessary inference (Acts 15:6-11)**

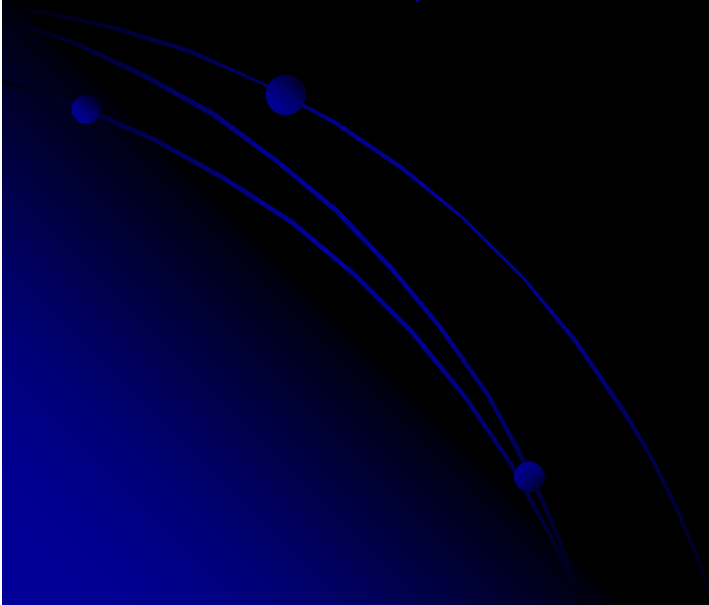
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- **Direct Command or Precept: The observance of the Lord's Supper.**
 - **“This do ... in remembrance of me” (I Cor. 11:25).**



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- **Approved Example: The time of its observance.**
 - **“And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread” (Acts 20:7).**



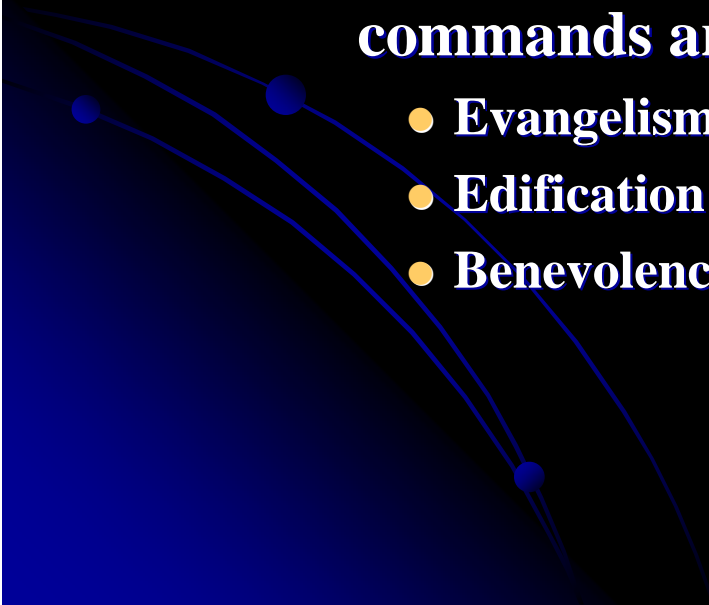
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- **Necessary Inference or Implication: The frequency of its observance.**
 - **“The first day of the week” (Acts 20:7). How often does the first day of the week come? Since it comes once a week, we must infer that we are to partake of the Lord's Supper every Sunday.**

Authority is Inclusive or Exclusive

- **Inclusive includes all things necessary to accomplish what is commanded**
 - **For example:**
 - **We are commanded to worship. All we need to worship: place, songbooks, communion trays, Bibles Rest Room, Drinking fountains, etc. are included in that command.**
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- **Inclusive includes all things necessary to accomplish what is commanded**
 - **For example:**
 - **The work of the church: Benevolence, Evangelism and edification. All we need to carry out those commands are included.**
 - **Evangelism – TV, radio, public, private, tracts, articles, etc.**
 - **Edification – Classes, Workbooks, classrooms**
 - **Benevolence – hospitals, etc**
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- **Exclusive excludes all things except what is commanded by God**
 - **For example:**
 - **We are to worship in song.**
 - **If He would have said “music” then we could have included all kinds, but He specified singing, so if we do anything else we are going beyond this command.**

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- **Exclusive excludes all things except what is commanded by God**
 - **For example:**
 - **We as a congregation are to work.**
 - **He has specified the work and the organization, the local church, through which we carry it out.**
 - **To turn our work over to a human institution or engage in an organization larger than the local church is unscriptural.**

What we do must be expedient

- **Paul said, “All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful; all things are lawful for me, but not all things edify” (1 Cor. 10:23)**

