

God Wants the Church to Pure

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- *A saved church (1 Thess. 1:1)*



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- *A pure church (1 Thess. 1:9; 3:13; 4:3; 5:21-22)*
 - *Churches that maintain purity must discipline its members*
 - *Through teaching (2 Tim. 4:1-2)*
 - *Through withdraw of fellowship (Matt. 18:15-17; 1 Cor. 5:4-5; 2 Thess. 3:6; 14-15)*
 - *Saves the church from evil (1 Cor. 5:6-7)*
 - *Saves the sinner from damnation (1 Cor. 5:5)*



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- *A submissive church (1 Thess. 1:6 ; 2:13)*
 - *Churches that submit to Christ:*
 - Hear Christ (Matt. 17:5; Heb. 1:1-2)
 - Obey Christ (Heb. 5:9)
 - Yield to His authority (Matt. 28:28; Col. 3:17; 2 Jno. 9-10)



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- *How do we determine what Christ authorizes us to do?*
 - *Commandment, Example and Inference*
 - *Same was used to determine the question of keeping the Law of Moses (Acts 15)*



- *Question: Must one be circumcised and keep the Law to be saved?*
 - *Question was determined by: Commandment, Example and Inference*
 - *Peter argues from inference (Acts 15:6-11)*
 - *Paul argues from example (Acts 15:12)*
 - *James argues from Commandment (Acts 15:16-17)*



The Lord's Supper

Direct Command -

“Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me. *He also took* the cup after supper, This do, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me.”
(1 Cor. 11:23-25)

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When? Example

"Upon the first day of the week" -
Acts 20:7

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How Often? Inference –

Every first day – “When the disciples came together to break bread” – Acts 20:7; (Ex 20:10)

- *When the church is submissive*
 - *Blessing - unity*
 - *A.W. Tozer said that if a hundred pianos were merely tuned to each other, their pitch would not be very accurate. But if they were all tuned to one tuning fork, they would automatically be tuned to each other. Similarly, unity in the church isn't the result of adjusting to everyone else. Rather, it is becoming like Jesus Christ.*



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- *A suffering church (1 Thess. 1:6; 2:14-16)*
 - **Churches suffer because:**
 - They preach the truth (Acts 17:6)
 - Because they are light (Jno. 3:19-20)

