

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Luka Herrera

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Sibio Farrington

Assisting: Tyler Christian
Cam Christian

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing P.: Phil Byrd

Those serving Wednesday

Teacher: Byran Hatcher

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Devotional: Julius Cook

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Closing Prayer: Tyler Christian

Pantry Item
Chef-Boy-R-Dee

Sermon Notes *Limited Atonement*

I. _____

II. _____

III. *The* _____

IV. *Biblical* _____

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Welcome!

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Service Times
Sunday:
B. C. 9:00am
Worship 10:00am

Wednesday Night:
B. C. 7:00pm

Ladies' Class:
Tuesdays 10:00am

Elders
Wade Hedgepeth
Byran Hatcher

The Cape Fear Crier

“Cry aloud and shout...for great in the midst of thee is the Holy One of Israel.” Isaiah 12:6

Establishing Biblical Authority

Sometimes the Bible tells us what to do or not to do by making a direct statement. In other cases, it provides us with examples to imitate. Another method is by implication. To say that something is “implied” is simply to say that it is required by the evidence. For example, suppose someone had two sacks of grain, each weighing the same, for a total of two hundred pounds. Given this information, we could, of course, know, by implication, that each sack weighed one hundred pounds. The information provided did not state this fact, but that conclusion is plainly implied.

The same logical principles are to be applied in the study of the Bible. The Bible does not expressly say that the people who heard Peter's sermon on Pentecost (Acts 2) believed that Jesus is God's Son. But given the knowledge that one cannot be saved without that faith (John 8:24), and knowing that these people were saved (Acts 2:36-47), we can deduce that they believed in the Lord. We know this by implication. The Bible does not expressly say that Saul of Tarsus repented during his conversion (Acts 9), but knowing that one must repent to be saved (Luke 13:3) and that Saul was saved (Acts 22:16; 1 Tim. 1:13), we can infer that he repented.

The Bible does not expressly say when Christ's church was established. We know it was not before Matthew 16 and not after Acts 2, because prior to the events of Acts 2, the church is spoken of as being still in the future (“I will build by church,” Matt. 16:18). But it was established by the end of Acts 2 for people were added to it on that occasion (Acts 2:41,47). Therefore, by implication, we can know that the Lord's church was established on Pentecost, the day of Acts Chapter Two.

When an action, fact, or teaching is absolutely demanded by Biblical information, without being specifically stated, then that action, fact, or teaching is an implication. What is taught by a genuine implication is just as binding as those things which are

taught by direct statement. But much caution must be exercised to make sure that a conclusion is absolutely demanded by the facts; the implication is only an assumption.

“And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him” (Col. 3:17). “Now these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and Apollos for your sakes; that in us ye might learn not (to go) beyond the things which are written; that no one of you be puffed up for the one against the other” (1 Cor. 4:6, ASV). “Whosoever goeth onward and abideth not in the teaching of Christ, hath not God: he that abideth in the teaching, the same hath both the Father and the Son” (2 John 11, ASV).

The above passages show that Bible authority must be recognized in spiritual matters. But how are we to establish Bible authority? How can we know whether a certain belief or practice is authorized? There are four basic sources of Scriptural authority, one of which is the Direct Statement. These direct statements of the Bible may provide either generic or specific authority. That is, a statement may authorize actions without specifying how those actions may be carried out. This is a generic authority. Specific authority is present when the statement not only authorizes an action but also specifies how it is to be done.

A Biblical statement containing both generic and specific authority is Mark 16:15: *“...Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.”* This direct statement authorizes evangelism. It is a direct statement that requires taking the Gospel to the lost. Two actions are involved: going and preaching.

The command to “go into all the world” is a generic authority in that it does not specify the manner of going. It does not require going on foot, by horse, or by boat. It authorizes going, but does not specify how to go. The command to present the Gospel to everyone is a specific authority in that it identifies what is to be preached. Followers of the Lord may “go” in any honorable manner they choose, but they are not free to preach anything they choose. That which is to be preached is the Gospel (Rom. 1:16).

The view that anything not expressly forbidden may be done is a false view of Biblical authority and opens the floodgates for every conceivable error. Rather, we must have Biblical authorization for all that we believe, practice, and teach. *“And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him” (Col. 3:17).*

-To Be Continued

By the Numbers

Weekly Attendance for 1/11
Chapters Read: 235

B.C.: 41
Worship: 65

Daily Bible Readers: 11
Wednesday: 26

Family News and Notes

Cookie is going to Indonesia to teach the ladies at the Bible college in Manado. She will also speak at two ladies' day events. **John McDougale, Geraldine Harrington's** uncle, is not doing well. Jennifer's coworker, **Nicole Jones**, is going through personal health issues and family struggles. **Barbara Norris, Jeanette Freshley's** mother, is struggling with her health. **Linda Jenkins'** son, **Shannon**, is struggling with mental health issues. **Kim Perkins'** parents need prayers, and the family is going through a lot of stress. Many members are sick in our current cold/flu season.

Also remember: **Linda Boston, Margaret Langston, Vicky Carver, Wade & Sandra Hedgepeth, Barry & Melany Hatcher, Frances Salaz, Linda Hernandez**, and the **Davis** family.

Bible Reading Plan

Jan 18	Jan 19	Jan 20	Jan 21	Jan 22	Jan 23	Jan 24
Pg 63-68	Pg 68-72	Pg 72-76	Pg 76-80	Pg 80-84	Pg 84-88	Pg 88-93

Events

Winter Fellowship: at the Hatchers'. Sunday, Feb. 1, at 5 pm. Bring tailgate fare.

Teachers' Meeting: February 1st, after worship.

