

Continuing Stedfastly in

Breaking of Bread

TEXT: Acts 2:36-42

INTRODUCTION:

- A. THOSE WHO RECEIVED THE TEACHING OF PETER WERE BAPTIZED.
- B. NOT AN EVENT, THE BEGINNING OF A NEW LIFE.
- C. THEY CONTINUED STEDFASTLY. IN WHAT?
 - 1. The apostles' doctrine.
 - 2. Fellowship.
 - 3. Breaking of bread.
 - 4. Prayers.
- D. LET'S LOOK AT THE SUBJECT OF BREAKING OF BREAD.

I. WHAT IS THIS BREAKING OF BREAD?

- A. A COMMON EXPRESSION DESCRIBING A COMMON MEAL
(Acts 2:46; 20:11?; Luke 24:30, 35).
- B. ALSO USED OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (Acts 2:42; 20:7).
- C. IN THE LORD'S SUPPER IT SAYS THAT BREAD WAS BROKEN
(Luke 22:19; Matt. 26:26; 1 Cor. 11:23-24).

II. THE EXAMPLE OF THE OLD TESTAMENT SABBATH.

- A. AN IMPORTANT OBSERVANCE UNDER THE LAW (Ex. 20:8-11).
 - 1. Given to provide rest for man and beast (Ex. 23:12; Mark 2:27).
 - 2. Nothing to interfere (Ex. 34:21; 35:1-3).
 - 3. Sabbath breakers were put to death (Ex. 31:12-17; Num. 15:32-36).
 - 4. They remembered and kept it holy! They continued stedfastly.
- B. WE ARE NOT UNDER THE OLD LAW TODAY (Rom. 7:4-6; Col. 2:14-17).
 - 1. An example to learn from (Rom. 15:4; 1 Cor. 10:6, 11).
 - 2. We are warned (Heb. 12:25; 10:28-31).

III. THE NEW TESTAMENT MEMORIAL – THE LORD'S SUPPER.

- A. IT WAS ESTABLISHED BY JESUS (Matt. 26:26-29).
- B. OBSERVED IN THE KINGDOM (Luke 22:16-17, 29-30).
- C. A SHARING WITH HIM AND OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN HIS DEATH
(1 Cor. 10:16-17). OUR UNITY IN THOUGHT AND PURPOSE AS ONE BODY.
- D. THE MAIN PURPOSE (1 Cor. 11:23-25, 29).
- E. TO CONTINUE UNTIL HIS RETURN (1 Cor. 11:26).

IV. WHAT OF THOSE WHO WILLFULLY MISS THE ASSEMBLY?

- A. WE ARE TOLD NOT TO FORSAKE THE ASSEMBLY (Heb. 10:25).
 - 1. "Not leaving behind, not leaving in the lurch" (A. T. Robertson)
 - 2. Deals with take it or leave it attitude è see context (vs. 19-24 çè vs. 25-29).
- B. OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD THE MEMORIAL REFLECTS OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD
WHAT IS MEMORIALIZED (Heb. 10:29). IS IT UNHOLY TO US?

CONCLUSION:

- A. CHRISTIANS ARE WASHED IN THE BLOOD.
- B. THE SUPPER IS A MEMORIAL OF THE DEATH THAT BLOOD REPRESENTS.
- C. LET US CONTINUE STEDFASTLY IN THE MEMORIAL.