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“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God...” (1 Peter 4:11).

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Issues Concerning the Lord’s Supper

The Frequency Issue

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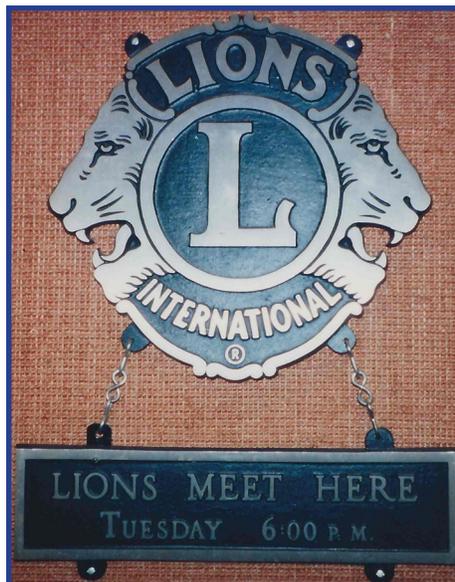
The frequency of observing the Lord’s supper is an issue that has not been settled in the minds of many.

Answers Given By Men.

The question: “How often should the Lord’s Supper / Communion be observed?” is given the following answer by *GotQuestions.org*:

“The Bible nowhere instructs us how often we should take communion. We are told, ‘This is my body, which is broken for you: do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me. For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.’ It seems to me, that since we take the Lord’s supper to remember Christ’s death and shed blood, that we should take it fairly often. Some churches have a monthly Lord’s Supper service, others do it bi-monthly, others quarterly. Since the Bible does not give us specific instruction, there is some latitude in how often a church should observe the Lord’s Supper. It should be often enough to renew focus on Christ, without being so often that it become routine.”

The 1890 edition of *The Standard Manual for Baptist Churches* by Edward T. Hiscox gives this answer:



“As to the time, place and frequency of the ordinances, no Scriptural directions are given. They are left optional with the churches. They are usually observed on Sundays, but not necessarily. As to the Supper, our churches have very generally come to observe it on the first Sunday of each month” (p. 20).

Contrary to what men say, the Lord has given direction and instruction concerning the Lord’s supper observance.

The Bible Answer. This issue will not be settled on the basis of “It seems to me” but by “what saith the scripture?” (Romans 4:3). Scripture teaches that the Lord’s supper is to be observed every first day of the week.

By approved, apostolic example we learn, “**And upon the first day of the week**, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight” (Acts 20:7). When did the disciples

come together to break bread? Upon the first day of the week. “But,” someone says, “it doesn’t say every week.” It doesn’t have to. It is necessarily implied.

The same language is used in reference to the collection: “**Upon the first day of the week** let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come” (1 Corinthians 16:2). Of the Lord’s supper observance one wrote, “What I have found is that when done weekly it becomes a chore and something not done in the proper manner. At the church that I now attend, we do it occasionally and it seems to be more special.” Is the same true for the collection? If not, why not?

When God said, “Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy” (Exodus 20:8), how often did He expect the children of Israel to remem-

ber the sabbath? Why didn’t He say, “every sabbath”? He didn’t have to. If one should think God didn’t mean every sabbath, just talk to the fellow that failed to remember a sabbath (Numbers 15:32-36).

A Lions Club sign reads, “Lions meet here Tuesday 6:00 p.m.” The sign does not have to say “every Tuesday” for Lions know that every week has a Tuesday!

Any event that is celebrated is celebrated as often as the day rolls around. How often do you celebrate your birthday, for example? Why just once a year? Now, how often does the first day of the week come? Every week!

The Lord’s supper is “the communion” (1 Corinthians 10:16). Can you imagine the Lord’s people coming together on the Lord’s day and not communing with the Lord?

Join Us!

We invite you to join us for a new and exciting Bible study. “The Church, The Falling Away, and the Restoration” will be the theme of our study starting next Sunday, May 13. The study will continue Wednesday @ 7 p.m. and Sunday @ 10 a.m. Our aim is to get a clear understanding of what the church was as it existed in New Testament times, consider those elements which arose in the church resulting in the formation of the Roman Catholic Church and in the establishment of the major Protestant denominations, and to trace the steps which led to the restoration of the church described in the New Testament. You won’t want to miss a single lesson!

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