

# LESSON 6-WHEN A NEW TESTAMENT EXAMPLE IS BINDING

The  
New Testament  
of Our Lord and Saviour  
Jesus Christ

TRANSLATED OUT OF THE ORIGINAL GREEK :  
AND WITH THE FORMER TRANSLATIONS  
DILIGENTLY COMPARED AND REVISED  
BY HIS MAJESTY'S SPECIAL COMMAND

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King James Version*

# **THE RULE OF UNITY**

## **TRUTH IS ALWAYS IN HARMONY WITH TRUTH**

It means that each passage of Scripture whether precept or example must be interpreted in the light of whatever and all else God has said on the same theme.

# **THE EXAMPLE OF THE DISCIPLES COMING TOGETHER TO BREAK BREAD ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK (ACTS 20:7).**

“Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight.”

# **THE RULE OF UNIVERSAL APPLICATION**

Everything that is taught in the gospel of Christ is within the realm of possibility in practice for all people in all parts of the world and in every age.



**BAPTISM IN WATER FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS IS A  
DEMONSTRATION OF THE UNIVERSAL APPLICABILITY OF  
THE REQUIREMENTS OF A BINDING EXAMPLE**

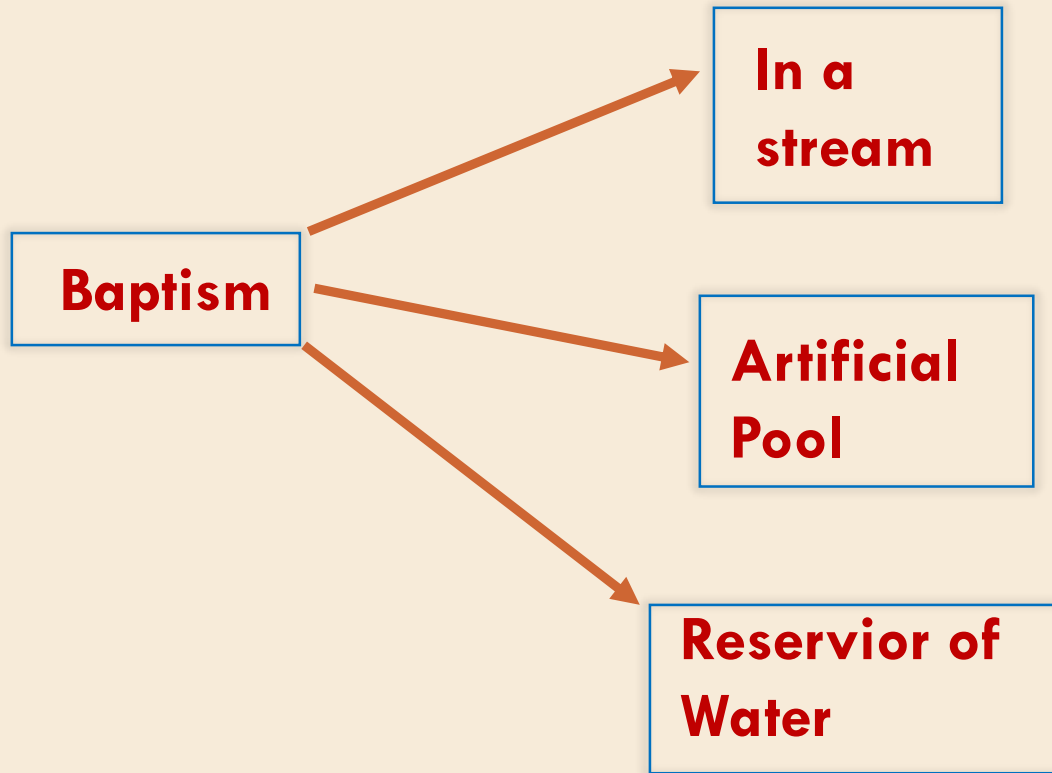


# **THE LAW OF RELEVANCE**

Whether a thing is relevant, material, or essential to the teaching or practice of God's will is a most important consideration.

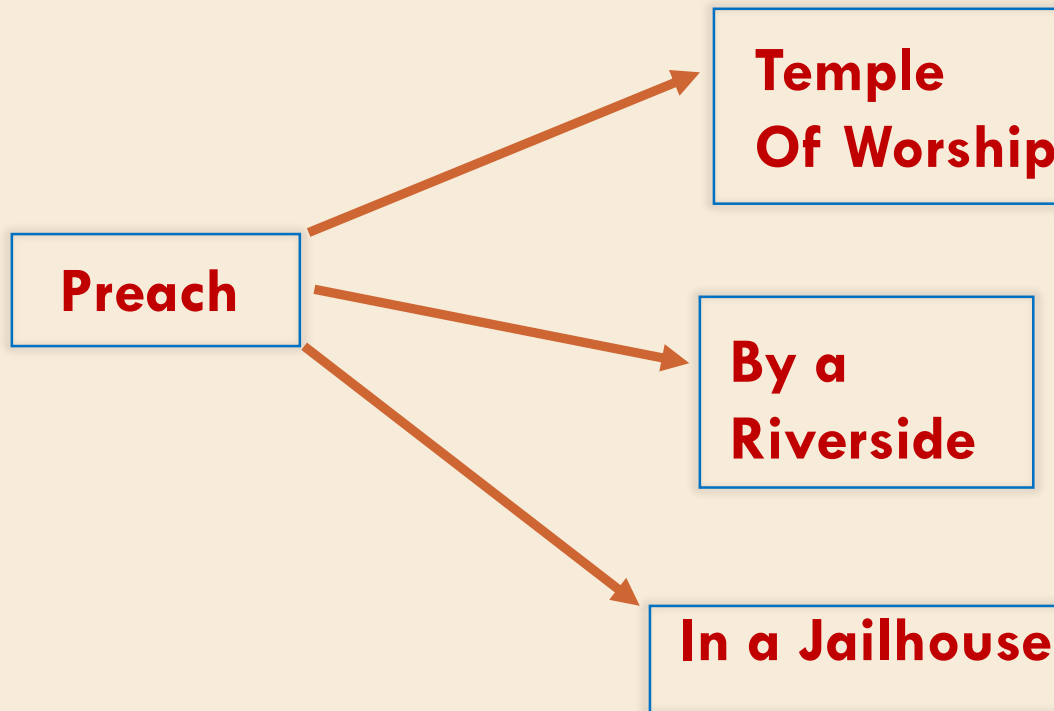
# Law of Relevance:

People Baptized– Where?



# Law of Relevance:

Gospel is Preached– Where?

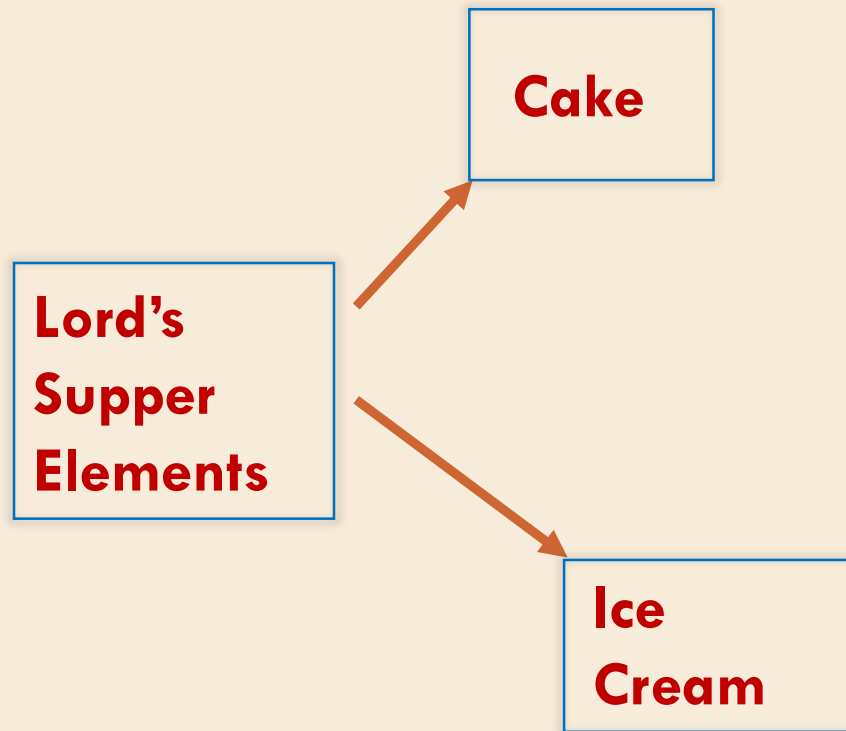




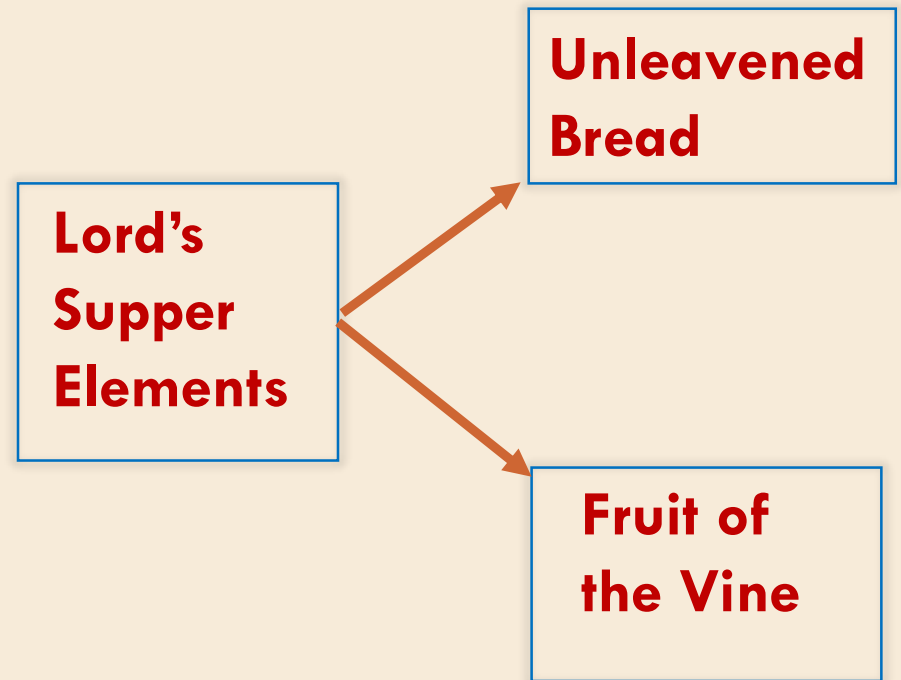
# Law of Relevance:

Elements of Lord's Supper— Which?

Not This...



But This...



# **THE LAW OF COMPETENCE.**

It is important to determine whether or not the evidence obtainable from the divine record is actually competent (capable) of supporting the claim that is made for it.

**INFANT BAPTISM, FOR EXAMPLE, IS SOMETIMES DEFENDED BY PEOPLE BASED ON THE “HOUSEHOLD” BAPTISMS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT (ACTS 16:32-33)**



# THE LAW OF LIMITED APPLICATION.

Some matters pertain to unique situations, which existed at one time **but do not exist today**, while some issues **might pertain to a custom of the time.**

**MUCH OF THE TEACHING IN 1 CORINTHIANS 14 CANNOT BE GENERALLY APPLIED TODAY FOR THE REASON THAT PAUL WAS DEALING WITH A SITUATION THAT CANNOT BE REPRODUCED TODAY- THE PROPER USE OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS**



# Tongues vs Prophecy

1 CORINTHIANS 14:13-25



# CONCLUSION:

So, let us return to the basic question addressed here. Yes. **Approved examples are binding in the New Testament.** If an example is set forth as unapproved, it is sinful. If it is set forth as approved, it is not only authoritative, it is binding. If more than one way to do the same thing is set forth as approved, then each of the patterns can be considered authorized. However, where a singular example is the only approved example, it becomes a binding example, as no other precedent or binding example is provided.