

Scriptural Benevolence Acts 11

Get Bible Authority by:

Commands (Acts 10:48)
(John 15:14)
(2 Thes 3:4, 12)

Examples (Phil 3:17; 1 Cor 11:1)

Necessary Conclusions (Acts 10:47)
(Acts 2:29-32)

Our legal system uses **Law**

Also uses **legal precedence**

Evidence **beyond reasonable doubt**



(Commands)

(Examples)

(Necessary

conclusions)

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How Important are Commands & Examples?

We have a *Command* to **Assemble** (Heb 10:25)

But an *Example* to Assemble **Sunday** (Acts 2, 20:7)

An *Example* for Lord's Supper on **Sunday** (Acts 20:7)

An *Example* for giving on **Sunday** (1 Cor 16:1-2)

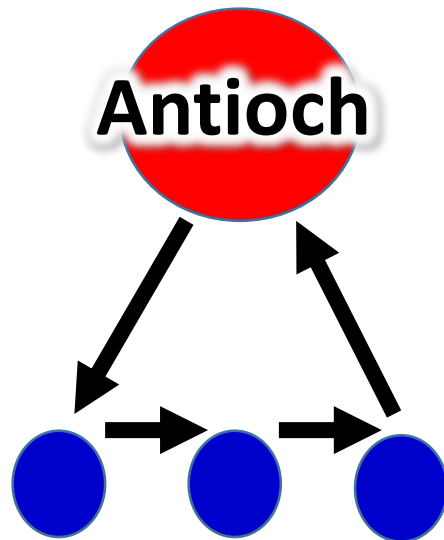
A *Necessary* Conclusion to sing on **Sunday** (Eph 5:19)

A *Necessary* Conclusion to pray **Sunday** (1Thes 5:17)

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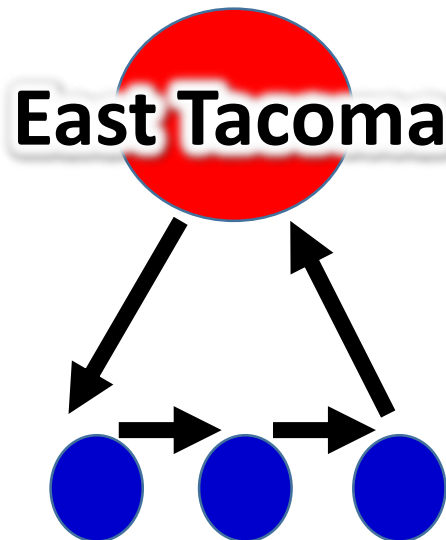
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Acts 11:29-30
Antioch to
saints in Judea



Acts 12:25 Re-
turn from *Jeru*

Tacoma to
saints in
Texas 2017



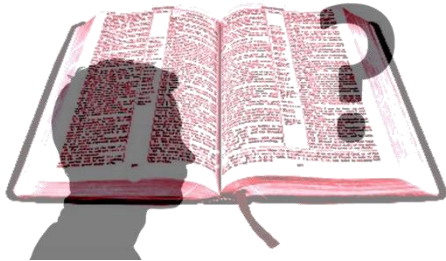
Return from
Beaumont

Institutional
Practice
Unbiblical



Changing Times – Shifting Values

50 years ago– Mainstream Churches tried to defend Institutions & Sponsoring Churches with a Scripture—although improperly applied.



Thurs I said: “We followed the Biblical Example in taking funds to Texas, and there is no defense for sponsoring church from Acts 11:29-30 & 12:25.”

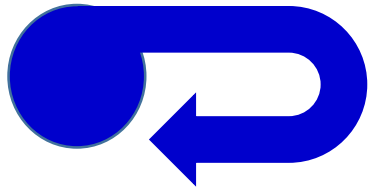
The mainstream preacher said “I agree, I don’t see a sponsoring church there either. But it doesn’t matter how it’s done.” Wow.

Isa 8:20-21 *To the law and to the testimony!*
If they do not speak according to this word, they have no light of dawn.

The Movement Away from Bible

**You Have Turned
From The Way And
By Your Teaching
Have Caused
Many To
Stumble.
(Mal 2:8)**

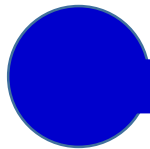
Biblical Pattern: **Saints to Saints in Need**



Jerusalem
Saints

(Acts 2:42) *All who believed* were together & had all things common... living w/all

(Acts 4:34-35) *Not them..* Own... on them & lay proceeds... meet... dist to each



Antioch

(Acts 11:29-30) Send *Relief of brethren* in Judea.. Sending it to the *elders* by Barnabas...

**No Sponsoring church authorized here.
No Man-Made institution authorized here.**

Saints



Corinth

Jerusalem Saints

(1 Cor 16:1-2) Concerning the *collection for the saints* v.3

(2 Cor 8:4) Support of *saints*

(Rom 15:26) Poor among *saints*

The Movement *Away* from Bible

It's *GIFTEDNESS*— that supposedly authorizes women to preach & be elders now, not Bible.

It's *CONTEMPORARY*— music that is acceptable, rather than scriptural that is appealing to young.

It's *RESULT* based conclusions— that determine Church organizations, “Look how much good!”

But Baptism is usually essential, Lord's Supper with unleavened bread & Fruit of vine, and a capella singing... *but some already surrendered.*