INTRODUCTION

This chapter is frequently quoted during the Communion service, “Take, eat & drink in remembrance of me” – BUT there is so much more to be gleaned from this principle-packed chapter.

Not only do we deal with the Communion aspect, but also with cultural issues, dying before one’s time because of sin, and how “approved” people, like cream, rise to the top during times of distress.

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Praise for Remembering Things

1. “Be imitators of me as I am of Christ.” Can we confidently tell others to mimic us? Do what I do, say what I say, go where I go, watch what I watch?

2. If no one else does, our kids definitely mimic us, and without even being told to do so.

3. Which leaders are worth emulating in our church?

4. Finally, Paul praises these immature believers for something for remembering him in “everything.” What would this be? Maybe Paul set up their Sunday School program, collection of offerings, weekly worship practice, outreach to widows, etc.

5. What are the “traditions” Paul passed on to these believers? We are not explicitly told what these traditions are, so we cannot be dogmatic about them.

6. Catholics believe it was the tradition of their Mass, the recital of rote prayers, & other liturgical practices.

7. All Christians subscribe to the establishment of church officers (Elders & Deacons); the practice of communion (be it weekly, monthly, or quarterly), & supporting the weak/poor…

Cultural issues

1. On the surface, this passage conveys that women and head covering is cultural. It is not a shame in most modern societies for a woman to be bald. It may be odd & even funny to some, but not shameful.

2. There is an underlying doctrinal aspect that of appropriate submission to God-ordained headship: God ➔ Christ ➔ Man (husband) ➔ Woman (wife); God ➔ Christ ➔ Elders ➔ Church…

3. God ➔ Christ ➔ Govt ➔ Society…

4. God ➔ Christ ➔ Parents ➔ Children…

5. What happens if this headship is not respected?

6. What if the order is reversed (usurped authority)?

7. What if the Govt or the Elders or the husband or a parent is wicked? Should we obey unconditionally?

8. Consider how Peter disobeyed the authorities. He would not do something unbiblical, but would rather suffer the consequences (jail or death)…

9. “If anyone wants to argue about this, we have no other custom, nor do the churches of God” (HCSB)

10. IOW, to argue about God’s order is fruitless.