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# SUNDAY SCHOOL Section Review

## Enduring Beliefs of the Christian Faith

### The Church and Its Teaching

- **2/1: MARK 4:26-32; EPHESIANS 4:4-6; 11-18**

The lesson deals with how the Church was planted and grows through the Gospel, and how its members are cultivated into the image of Christ

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- **2/8: Matthew 3:13-17; 28:19-20;  
1 Corinthians 11:23-29**

Baptism and The Lord's Supper are important and meaningful acts of worship in the Church, but can lead to division/strife when not done correctly

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- **2/15: Exodus 20:8-11; Romans 14:4-6; Revelation 1:10**

The Lord's Day is a time for rest and reflection, but the day changed from OT to NT. There is however no set day that we are bound to, but we should use it to honor the Lord.

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The Church and Its Teaching

Stewardship and Mission

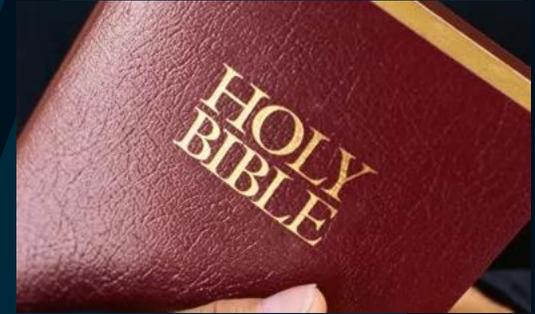
Acts 1:6 – 8;

2 Corinthians 8:3 – 9

## \*Anchor Text

### 2 TIMOTHY 3:16 (NIV)

<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for **teaching**, **rebuking**, **correcting** and **training in righteousness**,



# A.M.E. Church Book of Discipline (2016)

\* As of this edition, there was no finding specifically stating that worship services should be on a particular day – neither Sunday morning nor Saturday morning. One could assume that the Church has some freedom as to when to assemble. More is written on what should take place during assembly – i.e., Order of Service

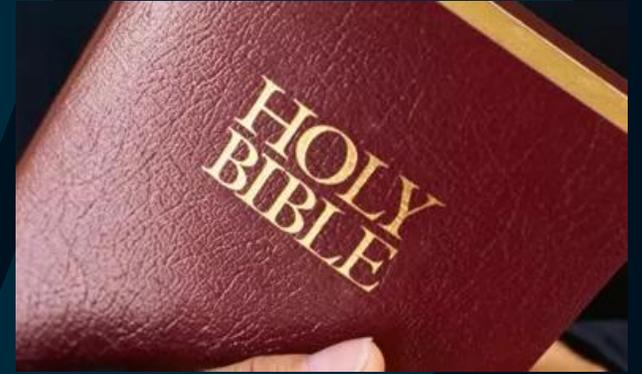
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# Lesson Text

The Ascension of Jesus

## ACTS 1:6 – 8 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”

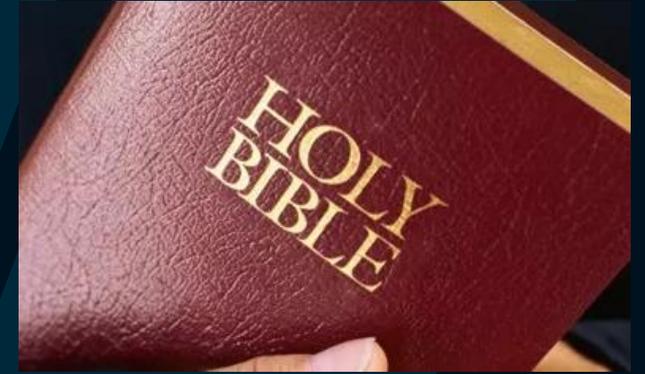


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## Context Text

### **DANIEL 2:44 (NLT)**

44 “During the reigns of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed or conquered. It will crush all these kingdoms into nothingness, and it will stand forever.

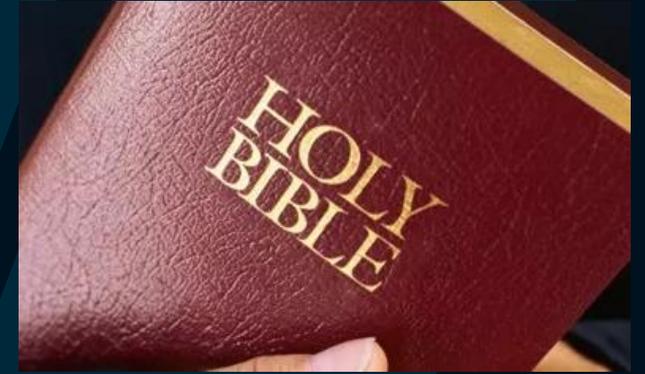


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## Context Text

### JOHN 18:36 (NLT)

<sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, "My Kingdom is not an earthly kingdom. If it were, my followers would fight to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish leaders. But my Kingdom is not of this world."



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# Commentary: Kingdom vs Nation

- Before Jesus came into the world, many Jews believed that the 'Messiah' would come to restore the Jewish people to their former state as world power and to have dominion over their oppressors.
- But Jesus had another plan – not to restore the nation state of Israel....

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# Commentary: Kingdom vs Nation

- But to usher in a spiritual realm – the Kingdom into a carnal realm – the Nation
- The Kingdom's occupants would act differently from how the nation operates and that difference would have an affect on nations...

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# Commentary: Kingdom vs Nation

- Membership in the Kingdom does not depend on one's ethnicity or sex, but on whether one accepts Jesus Christ
- Nations rise and fall, but the Kingdom will endure
- How we treat each other reflects our Kingdom membership

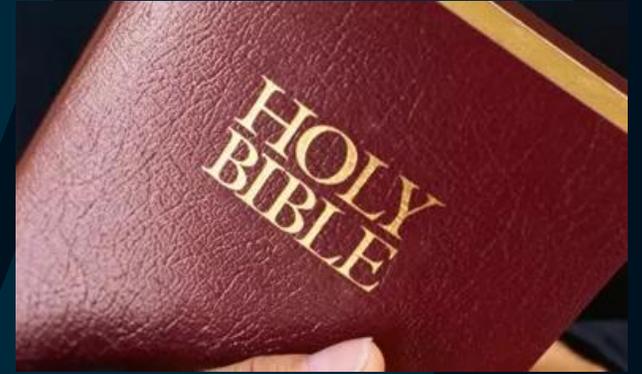
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## ACTS 1:7 (NKJV)

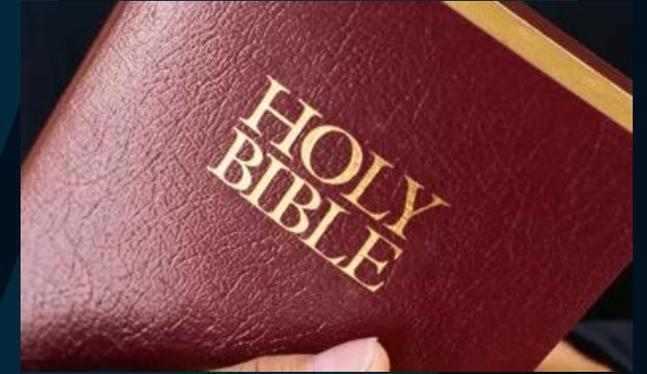
<sup>7</sup> And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.



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The Ascension of Jesus



## ACTS 1:8 (NKJV)

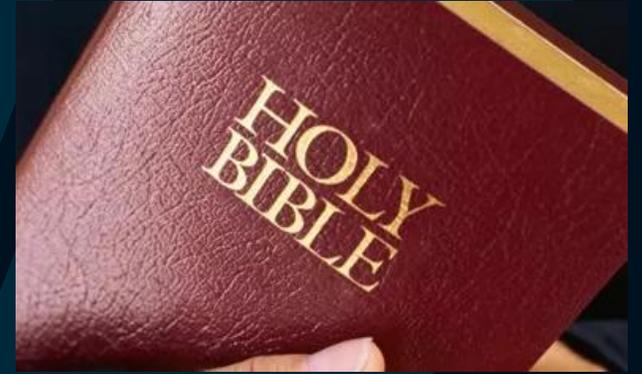
<sup>8</sup> But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be <sup>[a]</sup>witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

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# Context Text

## MATTHEW 24:24 – 25 (NLT)

**24** For false messiahs and false prophets will rise up and perform great signs and wonders so as to deceive, if possible, even God's chosen ones. **25** See, I have warned you about this ahead of time.

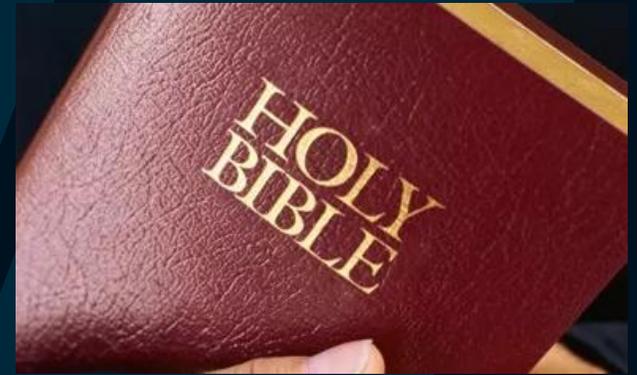


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## Context Text

### **MATTHEW 24:26 (NLT)**

**26** “So if someone tells you, ‘Look, the Messiah is out in the desert,’ don’t bother to go and look. Or, ‘Look, he is hiding here,’ don’t believe it!



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# Commentary: Christ's Return

- The Disciples were not only fixated on restoring the Nation, but they were also looking for a timetable, but Jesus warned them not to care about WHEN, but He does give WHAT and HOW.
- The Kingdom came at Pentecost (**Acts 2**) and the Church began that day.

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# Commentary: Christ's Return

- Today you still have false prophets and predictors of future events – e.g. Jehovah's Witnesses, Harold Camping and various YouTubers who look at events as signs that Christ's return is imminent, but we should not believe them nor change our behavior

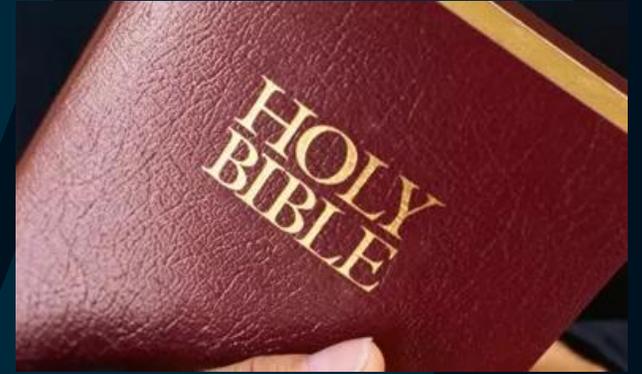
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# Context Text

Excel in Giving

## 2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-2 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: <sup>2</sup> that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality.



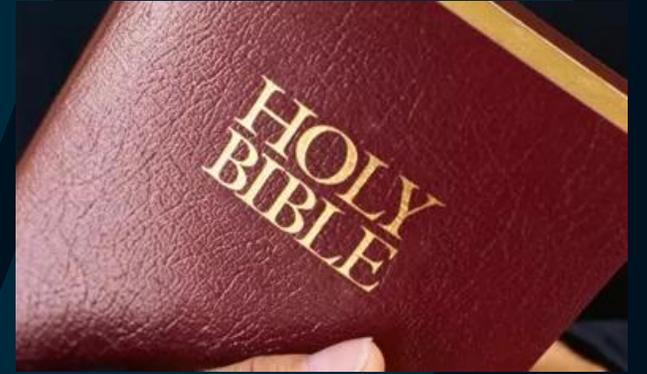
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# Lesson Text

## 2 CORINTHIANS 8:3-4 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing,

<sup>4</sup> imploring us with much urgency [a]that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.

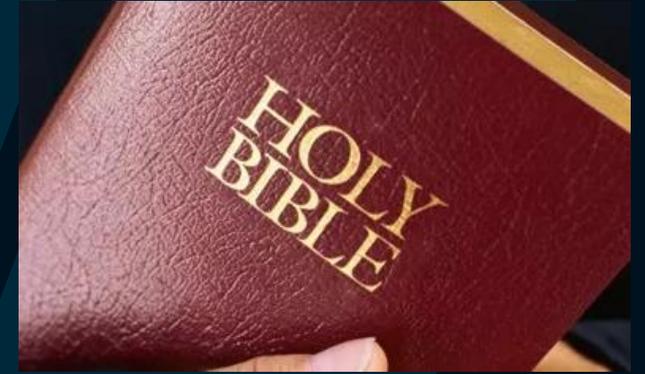


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# Lesson Text

## 2 CORINTHIANS 8:5 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup> And not only as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God.



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# Commentary: Sacrificial Giving

- The Church in Jerusalem, where most of the Apostles were, was under persecution and scattered (**Acts 8**)
- Although the Church and Jerusalem was critical of Gentile Believers and wanted them to take on Jewish practices, Paul encouraged the Gentiles to support them

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# Commentary: Sacrificial Giving

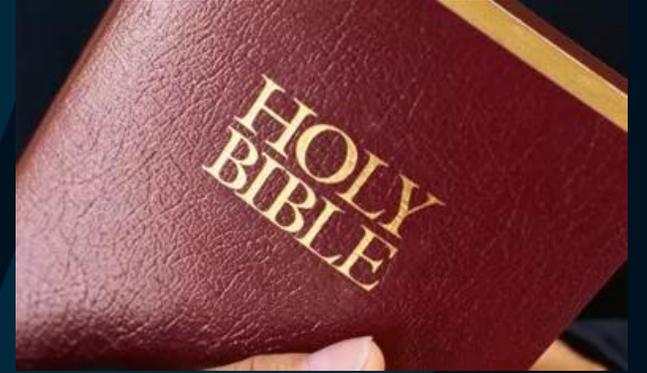
- The Church in Macedonia also dealt with poverty, yet they gave out of their lack rather than their plenty to support others – not themselves.
- Giving out of lack is what God honors – see **Luke 21:1-4** – the widow's offering

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# Lesson Text

## 2 CORINTHIANS 8:6 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> So we urged Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also complete this grace in you as well.



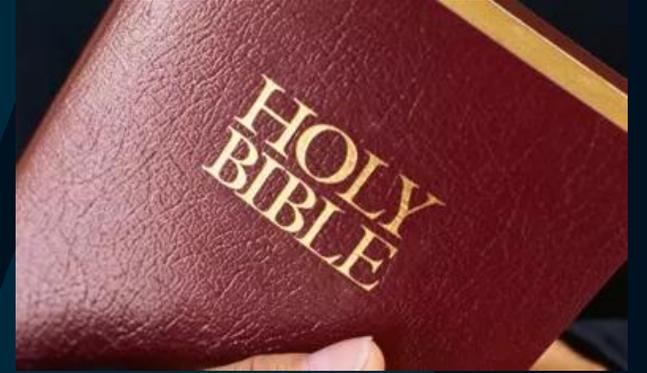
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# Lesson Text

Christ Our Pattern

## 2 CORINTHIANS 8:7 (NKJV)

<sup>7</sup> But as you abound in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us—see that you abound in this grace also.



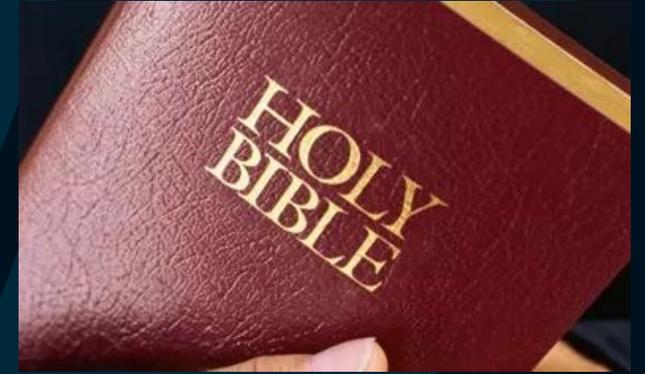
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## 2 CORINTHIANS 8:8 (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup> I speak not by commandment, but I am testing the sincerity of your love by the diligence of others.



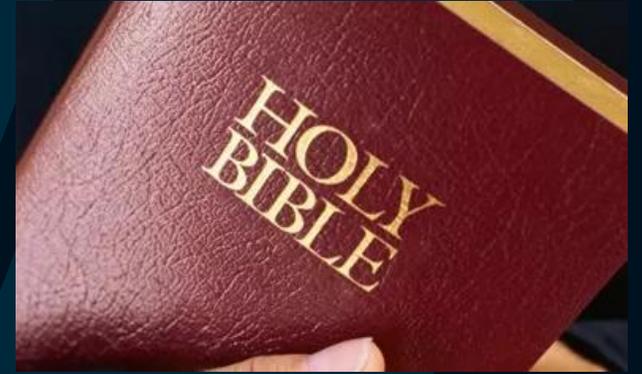
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# Lesson Text

Christ Our Pattern

## 2 CORINTHIANS 8:9 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

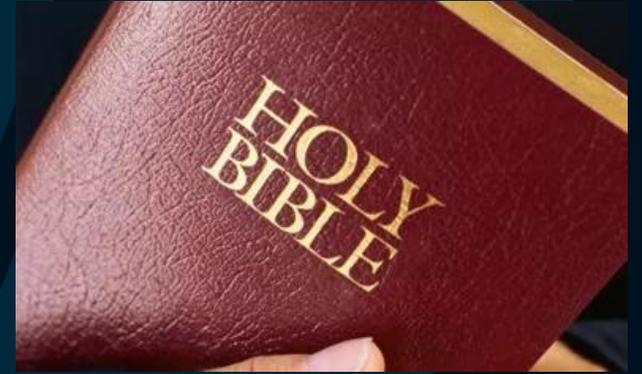


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# Context Text

## 1 JOHN 3:16 (NLT)

<sup>16</sup> We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters.



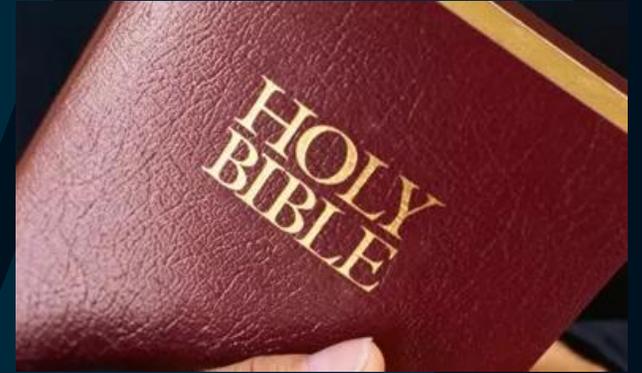
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# Context Text

## 1 JOHN 3:17 – 18 (NLT)

<sup>17</sup> If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister<sup>[a]</sup> in need but shows no compassion—how can God's love be in that person?

<sup>18</sup> Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.



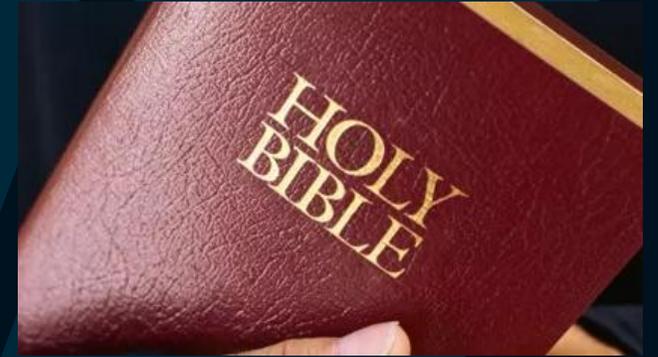
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# Commentary: Excel in Giving

- Paul acknowledges and praises the church for their knowledge, their speaking ability, and even their love for Paul and the saints, but he encourages them to excel in giving with the same zeal. It is on our giving to others that we will be judged

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# Scripture References



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# *Church School Creed*

Our Church School must grow & grow  
And we must help to make it so  
Every member a Christian  
Every Christian a worker  
Every worker trained  
A worker that will not be ashamed  
This we ask in Jesus' name

-AMEN

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# *Church School Benediction*

We have come

We have studied

We have learned

So until our next coming together

To study God's word

May His rich blessings reside with you

And may His Grace be eternally yours

**-AMEN**