TITHING – ITS PLACE IN CHRISTIANITY FBC-PC 5-18-14 AM

Psalm 116:12 What shall I give to Jehovah for all His benefits toward me? :13 I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of Jehovah. :14 I will pay my vows to Jehovah now in the presence of all His people.

"Tithing" H 4643- *mah-as-ayr', mah-as-ar', mah-as-raw'* From <u>H6240</u>; a *tenth*; especially a *tithe:* - tenth (part), tithe (-ing).

I. Tithing before the Mosaic Law – volunteered to Melchizedek

- A. The Amount Gen.14:18-20; Heb. 7:1-3
- B. The Attitude Gen. 28:20-28

II. Tithing under the Mosaic Law – "commanded"

- A. The amount Commanded "tenth", "tithe" Lev. 27:30-32; Num. 18:21-26; Deut. 12:5-9; Rejoicing tithe 14:22-26; Notice the contents listed of Matt. 23:23
- B. The Attitude commanded "obedience" Matt. 3:8,10 Blessings come from obedience.
- C. The Administration Commanded Deut. 26:12,13
 - 1. God's Servants
 - 2. The Needy

Now <u>The Question</u> for us today.

Under the "Age of Grace" since the Resurrection and Christ's ascension back to heaven has tithing like Sabbath observance been replaced by a new Principle?

- A. Lord's Day assembly rather than Saturday Sabbath
- B. Willing giving rather than obedient sacrifice

III. New Testament Giving II Corinthians 8:1-9:15

- A. The Example of giving
 - 1. The example of Christ 8:9; Luke 6:38 cf. Gal. 6:78
 - 2. The example of early Christians 8:2, 5
- B. The Exhortation for giving
 - 1. The exhortation to abound in the Giving Grace 8:7
 - 2. The exhortation to willingness in the Giving Grace 8:10, 12
 - 3. The exhortation to performance in the Giving Grace 8:11
 - 4. The exhortation to equality in the Giving Grace 8:13-15
- C. The Exercise of Giving
 - 1. Exercise liberality in giving 8:9; Luke 6:38; Mark 12:41-44
 - 2. Exercise regularity in giving I Cor. 16:1,2
 - 3. Exercise hilarity in giving 9:7