

# HOW TO ESTABLISH BIBLE AUTHORITY

- **THE RELIGIOUS WORD IS CONFUSED. WE LIVE IN AN ABSTRACT WORLD- IT SEEMS THAT OUR WORLD HAS BEEN SOLD THE CONCEPT THAT “IF IT WORKS FOR YOU THEN IT HAS TO BE RIGHT.” THIS HAS CARRIED OVER INTO RELIGIOUS CONVICTION.**
- **TO TAKE A STAND FOR ONE AUTHORITY IS TO RISK BEING CALLED “NARROW-MINDED” A BIGOT, OR JUDGMENTAL ( WE ARE NOT JUDGES WE ARE FRUIT INSPECTORS- M. KEEBLE)**
- **FALSE SOURCES OF AUTHORITY IN RELIGIOUS MATTERS ( ANCESTRAL RELIGION; FEELINGS; WHAT PLEASURES ME; CREED BOOKS; FALSE TEACHERS; OUR PREACHERS AND OTHERS WE RESPECT; TRADITIONS OF MEN.**
- **2 TIMOTHY 3:16,17- “ALL SCRIPTURE IS INSPIRED OF GOD.....”**

**Without A Reliable Standard We Will Continue in A State Of Religious Confusion**

**To Find Out How Long Something Is We Use a ruler or tape measure.**

**We do this in building a house- digging a hole- setting fence posts-fixing cars etc.**

**An Reliable And Accepted Standard is necessary for us to proceed in life and go into space.**

**There Was A Time When The Bible Was Universally Accepted In Our Country As The Authority For What We Practice In Religious Matters- Not so as much now, Many religious people deny the Bible as inspired**



# **The Need For A Standard**

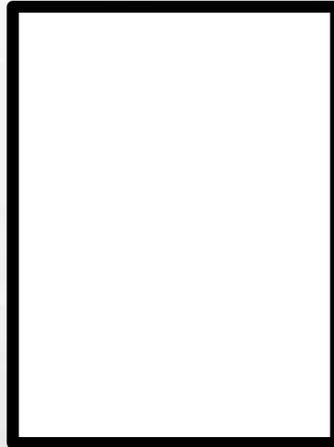
# **2 Timothy 3:16-17- “all scripture is inspired of God and is profitable...”**

**On Any Religious Question We Should Always Ask For Book, Chapter And Verse For The Matter In Question.**

**God has addressed man in all he needs to know**

**2 Pet, 1:3-“His divine power has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness”**

**Deut. 29:29- “secret things belong to God, but revealed things belong to us and our children forever...”**



**WHERE IS THE PASSAGE?**

**WHERE IS THE BIBLE AUTHORITY?**

**WHO OR WHAT SAID YOU COULD DO THAT?**

**WHAT IS THE SOURCE FOR WHAT YOU AFFIRM?**

# ESTABLISHING BIBLICAL AUTHORITY

## 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

- **WHERE AUTHORITY COMES FROM:**
  - **THE QUESTION. MARK 11:28-30- HEAVEN OR MEN?**
  - **GOD IS THE ONLY SOURCE OF AUTHORITY.**
    - **HE IS CREATOR OF ALL. GENESIS 1:1**
    - **CHRIST IS THE REIGNING KING. COLOSSIANS 2:9-10- IN HIM DWELLS ALL THE FULLNESS OF THE GODHEAD BODILY...WHO IS THE HEAD OF ALL PRINCIPALITY AND POWER.**
    - **THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE REVEALER OF THE MIND OF GOD. 1 CORINTHIANS 2:10-13-APOSTLES RECEIVED THE SPIRIT AND SPOKE THE THINGS THE SPIRIT REVEALED TO THEM. THE SPIRIT – “THESE ARE THE THINGS REVEALED TO US BY HIS SPIRIT”**

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## 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

- **HOW COMMUNICATION WORKS:**
- **“THERE ARE SOME BASIC PREMISES IN UNDERSTANDING HOW GOD COMMUNICATES HIS WILL OR AUTHORITY. GOD COMMUNICATES HIS WILL IN THE SAME WAYS WE COMMUNICATE OUR WILLS. BY UNDERSTANDING HOW WE FUNDAMENTALLY COMMUNICATE, WE WILL UNDERSTAND MORE ABOUT HOW GOD COMMUNICATES.”**

– DOY MOYER, *MIND YOUR KING: LESSONS AND ESSAYS ON BIBLICAL AUTHORITY*

# **ESTABLISHING BIBLICAL AUTHORITY**

## **2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17**

- **HOW COMMUNICATION WORKS:**
  - **THERE ARE THREE WAYS IN WHICH WE COMMUNICATE.**
    - **TELL SOMEONE SOMETHING.- DIRECT STATEMENT**
    - **SHOW SOMEONE SOMETHING.-APPROVED APOSTOLIC EXAMPLE**
    - **IMPLY SOMETHING TO SOMEONE.-NECESSARY IMPLICATION**

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## 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

- **GOD CAN TELL US SOMETHING. EPHESIANS 5:7-8-DO NOT BE PARTNERS WITH THE UNRIGHTEOUS...WALK AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT” MATTHEW 28:19-20-”GO- TEACH ALL NATIONS...”**
- **GOD CAN SHOW US SOMETHING. (PHIL. 3:17-”BE FOLLOWERS OF ME, AND MARK THOSE WHO WALK SO YOU HAVE FOR US AN EXAMPLE.”**
- **GOD CAN IMPLY SOMETHING TO US. ACTS 8:35-36- SEE HERE IS WATER- WHAT HINDERS...” (IMPLIES ENOUGH WATER TO BAPTIZE HIM) HEBREWS 10:25-FORSAKE NOT THE ASSEMBLING OF YOURSELVES TOGETHER (IMPLIES A PLACE TO ASSEMBLE).**

# SETTLING THE QUESTION

- **THE BEST DEMONSTRATION OF THESE THINGS IS FOUND IN ACTS 15.**
- **THE QUESTION- IS OT CIRCUMCISION TO BE BOUND ON NEW TESTAMENT GENTILE CHRISTIANS IN ORDER FOR THEM TO BE SAVED? 15:1**
- **ACTS 15:2- PAUL AND BARNABAS DISPUTED- DECISION MADE TO CONSULT**
- **PETER'S ARGUMENT- NECESSARY INFERENCE-15:7-11-GOD MADE NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE JEW AND THE GENTILE- WHY SHOULD WE?**
- **PAUL AND BARNABAS-15:12-APOSTOLIC EXAMPLE FROM THEIR PREACHING AND TEACHING- GOD WROUGHT MIRACLES AND WONDERS AMONG THE GENTILES ALSO**
- **JAMES- MATT. 15:13-19- DIRECT COMMAND-CITED THE PROPHETS V.13 AS IT IS WRITTEN (SEE AMOS 9:11,12).**
- **CONCLUSION OF THOSE AND ANSWER TO THE QUESTION- VS.22-28. DO NOT TROUBLE OUR GENTILE BRETHREN, JUST EXPECT OF THEM WHAT IS EXPECTED OF US. VS. 24- SOME ARE SUBVERTING YOU WITH BINDING CIRCUMCISION- WE NEVER GAVE SUCH A COMMANDMENT.**
- **ALL THOSE WHO SPOKE WERE GUIDED BY THE SPIRIT. VS 28 STATES THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT TO NOT LAY ON THEM THE BURDEN OF CIRCUMCISION TO BE SAVED.**
- **RESULT- UNITY AMONG BRETHREN-----THE STANDARD- DEITY AND THE WORD OF GOD ESTABLISHED BY SAME 3 AVENUES WE USE TODAY.**

# GENERIC AND SPECIFIC AUTHORITY

- **THE EXAMPLE OF NOAH (GEN. 6:14-22- SPECIFIC AUTHORITY- BUILD AN ARK- 1 WINDOW, 1 DOOR, GOPHER WOOD, 300 CUBITS LONG-50 CUBITS WIDE-30 CUBITS HIGH IN FEET THAT WOULD AMOUNT TO 450 BY 75 BY 45, PITCH IT WITHIN AND WITHOUT WITH PITCH AND MAKE ROOMS - NO OTHER PATTERN WOULD SUFFICE. WHEN GOD SPECIFIED THAT ELIMINATED ALL OTHER OPTIONS.**
- **GENERIC AUTHORITY- WHAT TOOLS TO USE, WHAT CARPENTRY SKILLS TO INCORPORATE, USE OF OTHERS TO HELP. ALL OF THESE WERE LEFT UP TO NOAH- WHEN GOD AUTHORIZES US TO USE OUR JUDGMENT ON SOME THINGS WE ARE FREE TO DO SO IN VARIOUS WAYS BUT WE STILL ARE ACTING WITH AUTHORITY IN DOING THAT WHICH IS LAWFULLY AUTHORIZED GENERICALLY.**

# THE EXAMPLE OF THE TABERNACLE

- **GOD IN HIS PERFECT MIND FORMS A PURPOSE; REVEALS HIS PATTERN WITH ADMONITIONS TO FOLLOW HIS INSTRUCTIONS. ONLY WHEN MEN FOLLOW GOD'S PATTERN ARE GOD'S PURPOSES CARRIED OUT. IF WE DO NOT FOLLOW GOD'S PATTERN , WE FAIL TO CARRY OUT HIS PURPOSE.**
- **IN EXODUS 24-31 AND 35-40- GOD LAYS DOWN HIS PATTERN FOR THE TABERNACLE AND THE WORSHIP THAT IS TO TAKE PLACE IN IT. WE SEE THE PATTERN BEING CARRIED OUT IN 35-40.**
- **HEBREWS 8- TELLS US THAT THE TABERNACLE AND THE OLD COVENANT WERE SHADOWS OF THINGS TO COME (VS. 5). JUST AS MOSES WAS TO MAKE ALL THINGS ACCORDING TO THE PATTERN SO WE ARE TO FOLLOW GOD'S PATTERN FOR THE CHURCH TODAY. ANYTIME GOD HAS SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED SOMETHING WE ARE TO FOLLOW HIS PLAN EXACTLY.**
- **THE SILENCE OF GOD DOES NOT GIVE US AUTHORITY TO ACT. WE CANNOT ADD TO OR DIMINISH FROM ANYTHING GOD HAS SAID (DEUT. 4:2; REV. 22:18-20; GAL. 1:8-10)**

# THINGS THAT SAVE

**1.GOD SAVES-2TIM.1:8-9**

**2.JESUS SAVES-MATT. 1:21**

**3.BLOOD SAVES- EPH. 1:7**

**4.GRACE SAVES- EPH. 2:8**

**5.MERCY SAVES-TITUS 3:5**

**6.GOSPEL SAVES-1COR. 15:1-2**

**7.LOVE SAVES-JN. 3:16**

**8.HOPE SAVES- ROM. 8:24**

**9.WORKS SAVE- JAMES 2:24**