

**“OUR NEED FOR BIBLICAL AUTHORITY” (#9)**

Introduction

I. Our study of authority has proven our need for positive authority from God in all things we do and say in this life (Colossians 3:17). This lesson ends our study on the subject of authority.

II. **A review:**

- A. What does the word “unity” mean? How can we be united on any subject? \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Where are the only places from which authority can come? \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. Name a Scripture where Jesus discussed this fact. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. Yet, as far back as Adam and Eve in the Garden, they were grappling with this issue! Instead of listening to God, Eve listened to \_\_\_\_\_; Adam listened to \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. We have learned that the source of all authority is \_\_\_\_\_. He then gave this authority to \_\_\_\_\_. The apostles then went into the entire world to preach and teach Christ’s words.
- D. When we determine to listen to God, where can we learn what God would have us to do? \_\_\_\_\_
- E. As a result of these facts, when we look into God’s word, we need to be able to handle it in an accurate way (II Timothy 2:15).
  - 1. This includes respecting the covenant under which we live today. Are we under the Old Covenant, or the New Covenant, and why? \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. What are the three ways in which we can establish Bible authority? \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3. When can we justify something as an expedient? \_\_\_\_\_
  - 4. Explain how the silence of the Scriptures helps us in establishing authority. Is silence prohibitive or permissive? \_\_\_\_\_
- F. Explain how we are “fenced in” by God’s word (II John 9). \_\_\_\_\_

III. In order to help us learn lessons about establishing Bible authority in “every day” matters, look at the following examples below and:

- A. If it is authorized, give the appropriate Bible passage(s) to prove it and then explain how it is authorized (by command, example, or necessary inference).
- B. If it is not authorized, then show why it is not authorized by the Scriptures with appropriate Bible passages.
- C. **Note:** I am sure we could think of many more examples than the ones given below, but all of these instances are designed to challenge us to remember how to establish Bible authority, and to apply them to everyday situations.

Discussion

**I. OCCASIONS WHICH DEMAND BIBLE AUTHORITY:**

- A. Someone speaks to you about homosexuality and says, “God made me this way.”
  - 1. Is this true? False?
  - 2. Give Scripture to prove your answer: \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3. Prove your answer by command, example, or necessary inference: \_\_\_\_\_
- B. A preacher says that people can partake of the Lord’s Supper any day they wish:
  - 1. Is this true? False?
  - 2. Give Scripture to prove your answer: \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3. Prove your answer by command, example, or necessary inference: \_\_\_\_\_
- C. In reference to the Lord’s Supper, one teaches you may use white bread and water in serving the

Lord's Supper.

1. Is this true? False?

2. Give Scripture to prove your answer: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Prove your answer by command, example, or necessary inference: \_\_\_\_\_

D. A preacher says that instrumental music is prohibited in worship to God.

1. Is this true? False?

2. Give Scripture to prove your answer: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Prove your answer by command, example, or necessary inference: \_\_\_\_\_

E. A person says that in a marriage relationship, if one spouse commits fornication, only the innocent spouse may divorce and remarry.

1. Is this true? False?

2. Give Scripture to prove your answer: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Prove your answer by command, example, or necessary inference: \_\_\_\_\_

F. A preacher says that the church may send part of the weekly contribution to support an orphan's home. He refers to James 1:27, and says, "After all, supporting these children would be 'pure religion'."

1. Is this true? False?

2. Give Scripture to prove your answer: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Prove your answer by command, example, or necessary inference: \_\_\_\_\_

G. A preacher says that the church may send part of the weekly contribution to support "One Nation Under God" or, "Herald Of Truth" or similar things. He refers to Mark 16:15, and says, "You know, we need to preach the word and this is an expedient way."

1. Is this true? False?

2. Give Scripture to prove your answer: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Prove your answer by command, example, or necessary inference: \_\_\_\_\_

H. A preacher says that the church may use part of the weekly contribution to build a "fellowship hall," and gymnasium. He tells you, "This will bring more young people in to hear and obey the word of God."

1. Is this true? False?

2. Give Scripture to prove your answer: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Prove your answer by command, example, or necessary inference: \_\_\_\_\_

I. A friend talks to you about baptism, and suggests that sprinkling water, pouring water, or immersion are all acceptable to God.

1. Is this true? False?

2. Give Scripture to prove your answer: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Prove your answer by command, example, or necessary inference: \_\_\_\_\_

J. You hear from a friend that baptism is necessary so that you can be forgiven of sins.

1. Is this true? False?

2. Give Scripture to prove your answer: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Prove your answer by command, example, or necessary inference: \_\_\_\_\_

K. Someone says that God allows folks to choose the church of their choice.

1. Is this true? False?

2. Give Scripture to prove your answer: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Prove your answer by command, example, or necessary inference: \_\_\_\_\_

L. A person tries to convince you that you should not be so “judgmental” when talking about the word of God. This person tells you, “We cannot understand the Bible alike, so who are you to judge me?”

1. Is this true? False?

2. Give Scripture to prove your answer: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Prove your answer by command, example, or necessary inference: \_\_\_\_\_

Conclusion

I. These are a few instances where Bible authority is demanded in settling a controversy.

II. Remember we can only operate in the realm where God has given us authority (Colossians 3:17; I Peter 4:11).

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