

# B I B L E A U T H O R I T Y

- **God Has All Authority**
  - CREATED HEAVEN AND EARTH (Gen. 1:1)
  - CREATED MAN IN HIS IMAGE (Gen. 1:26)
- **God Gave All Authority to Jesus Christ**
  - 1 CORINTHIANS 11:3
  - MATTHEW 28:18, 19
- **Jesus Gave Authority to the Apostles**
  - MATTHEW 16:16-19; 18:18
  - EPHESIANS 2:20
- **All the Apostles Are Inspired by God**
  - 2 TIMOTHY 3:16, 17
  - “. . .the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord” (1 Cor. 14:37)
- **We Are Under the New Testament Law Today as Our Only Source of Authority**
  - JOHN 12:48-50
  - HEBREWS 8:13; 9:15-17
  - *TO BE RIGHT WITH GOD, FALSE STANDARDS OF AUTHORITY MUST BE REJECTED (E.G., MEN, OPINIONS, FAMILY, SOCIETY, ETC.)*
- **What We Believe and Practice Must Have New Testament Authority**
  - “And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him” (Col. 3:17).
  - 2 PETER 1:3
- **Ways to Understand How the Bible Authorizes**
  1. **STATEMENT OF FACT** (The Bible teaches that Jesus is the head of ‘one body’ by *stating* such: Colossians 1:18).
  2. **DIRECT COMMAND** (The Bible teaches that men need to be baptized for the remission of sins by a recorded *command*: Acts 2:38; 22:16)
  3. **APOSTOLIC EXAMPLE** The bible commands that we are to obey approved *examples* (1 Corinthians 11:1; Philippians 3:17; 4:9). We know that God wants us to meet on the first day of the week to worship Him because of the example of the early church (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1, 2)
  4. **NECESSARY IMPLICATION** (There is an example in the Bible of one making a necessary inference that Jesus was from God because Jesus’ works implied that He was: John. 3:2). Note: A necessary Implication is “necessarily” and absolutely true. It is not a guess or hunch.