

A.M. — *How Do We Know?*

- I. Is _____ enough?
- A. Certainly necessary... (2Tim 3.5)
 - B. But it is not enough. (Ac 23.1; 26.9-11)
- II. Is _____ sufficient? (Rom 10.1-3)
- A. Again, zeal is essential to pleasing God... (Tit 2.14)
 - B. But worthless unless exercised according to a knowledge of God's will.
- III. Is _____ the answer?
- A. The mere presence of activity within a religious group? (Mt 7.21-23)
 - B. Necessary, but in vain if not authorized by God... (2Sam 6.1-7)
- IV. Is it all about the _____?
- A. Does a large number of participants indicate acceptability to God? (cf. Jn 6.60-66)
 - B. No, numbers aren't the standard... (Mt 7.13-14)
- V. The Standard. (2Jn 9)
- A. In other words, if we want to please God and remain in fellowship with Him, we must abide within His authority.
 - B. We don't think like God (Is 55.8-9), so we must allow Him to tell us what He wants.
 - C. He has revealed His standard... (2Tim 3.16-17)
 - D. But ritualistic and/or heartless obedience isn't enough either...
 - E. The right things must also be done for the right reasons and with the right heart... (Mk 12.28-31)