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Bible Authority

Welcome!

If you're visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome and we want you to feel like our honored guest! We also want you to know that all we're interested in here at the Clarksville Church of Christ is the Truth. Jesus said, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32. The truth He's talking about is God's word. Jesus said, "Sanctify them by thy truth, Thy word is truth." John 17:17. Therefore we hope you'll appreciate that we'll give you book, chapter and verse from the Bible, the word of God, for everything that we say or do here today, so that everything that we do may bring glory unto God, I Pet. 4:11.

Read Matt. 21:23-27. In this passage the Jewish leaders asked Jesus by what authority He did and taught the things that He did. They understood that there are only two sources of authority, men and God. The idea of bible authority is a subject of utmost importance that we must all understand. Let's take a look at this concept this morning.

I. The Bible Is God's Authority Book

Heb. 1:1-2, 2 Pet. 1:3, 2 Tim. 3:16-17

II. God's Authority Now Resides In Christ

Mk 1:22, Heb. 1:1-2, Mt 28:18, Eph. 1:22, Jn 12:48, Col. 3:17

III. Christ's Authority Passed Down Through The Apostles

Jn 14:26; 16:13; 17:17; 8:32, I Cor. 2:13, 16, Gal. 1:11-12, Eph. 3:3-5

IV. Apostle's Laid Down The Law Once For All

Mt 28:19, Mk 16:15-16, Acts 2:42, Col. 1:5-6, 23, Gal. 1:8-9, Jude 3

V. Rightly Using God's Authority

2 Tim. 2:15, 2 Pet. 3:16, Acts 15
-Necessary Inference: Acts 15:7-11
-Approved Example: Acts 15:12
-Direct Statement: Acts 15:15-18

VI. Includes/Excludes Things

-Noah's Ark's Material: Gen. 6:14, 22
-Bearing The Ark of the Covenant: Num 7:9
-Nadab and Abihu: Lev. 10:1-2; 16:12
-Priest's Tribe: Num 1:50, Heb. 7:11-14

VII. My Obligation

-Don't Change It: Duet. 4:2, Prov. 30:6
-Abide In It: 2 Jn 9, I Pet. 4:11
-Submit To It: Rom. 10:1-3
-Obedient: I Pet. 1:22, Rom. 6:17-18