



The Standard Of Truth

All authority inheres in God

- Romans 12:3 . . . measure of faith

God endowed
men, 2 Co.4:7

Then written,
Jn.20:31

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- BUT people tend to put authority in people

SHOULD realize who Jesus is. Jn.1

SHOULD show Him awe, respect, Jn.7

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- No one compares to Jesus
- Not explained by human intelligence, 7:15f
- Long time. Prevented arresting Him...
- Power in His speech, Jn.1:1, 14
- Unique; stress on ‘Man’

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- Authority, Mk.1:22
- Great delight, Mk.12:37
- Answers, Lk.2:47
- Marveled, Lk.4:22

Num.16:1-3

I. Some Take Too Much On Themselves

Assume human reason can make wrong acts right

- 2 Kings 5
- Judges 17:6

We cannot demand moral law
and reject salvation law

Groupthink: follow the majority

- 1 Sm.15
- Jer.10:23

I. Some Take Too Much On Themselves

II. Some Put Too Much On preachers

'If preacher says it, it must be true'

- 1 Co.2:5
- Gal.2:11-14

'If preacher says it, it means nothing unless he experiences it'

'If you were in my shoes you would do as I did'

- Issue: what does Bible say?
- Truth is truth even if preacher is disobedient or hypocrite
- Ezk.33, safe to withhold warnings?
- Noah; Moses; Daniel; John . . .
- Two preachers: one with experience, other without . . .

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**III. Some Put Too Much on
Elders / Church**

'If church as whole does good, all of us will be saved'

- True: each contributor to good work shares in good it does (Ph.4).
- But: some things cannot be shared.
- Bible requires personal . . .

holiness

work

dedication

obedience

- 1 Co.11; 2 Co.5

'If church is in sin, I'm saved (it was not my fault)'

- God can hold everyone accountable for sin in a congregation (1 Co.5).
- Bible forbids fellowship of false doctrine; condemns support for it.
 - 2 Jn.9-11
 - Ep.5:11

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'Good Practices'**

'If it does good, it must be right'

'End justifies means'

- Ro.3:3-8
- Not all morally good things are religiously right

Ham

Salvation
Army

Piano

Washing, Mk.7

'I would rather do wrong than do nothing'

- Is presumption worse than inactivity??
- False dilemma –

¹Do
wrong

³Do
right

²Do
nothing

- Mt.7:21-23