

Authority

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Introduction

1. Matthew 28:18; Colossians 3:17
2. The Bible is our source of authority in all things religious. 2 Timothy 3:16-17
3. We cannot add to nor can we take from this authority Revelation 22:18-19
4. Authority is defined as: to give approval to, or permission for.
5. The Bible authorize a practice in one of the following ways.

II Discussion

1. By direct command
 1. Which commands are we to obey today. 2 Timothy 2:15; Hebrews 9:15
 1. Are we to build an ark?
 2. Are we to offer animal sacrifices?
 2. Baptism is a command Mark 16:15-16; Acts 10:48
 3. Worship is a command John 4:24
 4. Singing is a command Ephesians 5:19
 5. Giving is a command 1 Corinthians 16:1-2
2. By approved example
 1. Philip baptized the eunuch Acts 8:35-39
 2. How do we know when to partake of the Lord's Supper
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 2. The early church did meet 1 Corinthians 11:20; Hebrews 10:25; Acts 20:7
 3. Paul and Silas singing in prison Acts 16:25
3. By necessary inferences
 1. The command to sing infers: 1) a words; 2) a tune; 3) a pitch
 2. Baptism infers a place of much water
4. There are some liberties.
 1. How are we to go into all the world?
 2. Which song book are we to use, Do we need a song book?
 3. How many containers to use in the Lord's Supper, kind of container
 4. How are we to give?
 5. If we are to meet and we are, what kind of building are we to have? Carpet, pews, pulpit?

III Conclusion

1. We must obey all the commands of God that apply to us.
2. There are somethings that we can decide for ourselves.
3. Why not obey today

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