

Bible Authority

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Introduction

1. 2 Timothy 3:16-17
2. Have you ever thought you were absolutely right but were terrible wrong?
3. Wrong Way William did just that in Comatose Christians Pg 7-8
 - a. A lot can be found about people going the wrong way on the internet
4. How did you feel when you found out you were wrong?
5. There is great need for authority in all areas of our lives, baking a cake, ball games, weights and measures.
6. In matters of religion where do we go for our authority?

II Discussion

1. Why is this so important?
 - a. Because it deals with the soul Matthew 16:26
 - b. From the proper authority we learn right from wrong Isaiah 5:20
 - c. We are responsible for what we accept as authority Matthew 15:14; Jeremiah 6:16; Mark 4:24; 1 Kings 1:3
2. What are some wrong sources for authority?
 - a. Reason along Proverbs 14:12; Jeremiah 10:23
 - b. Other such as parents, John 14:6; Galatians 1:6-9; Matthew 17:5
 - c. Feelings Genesis 25-37 Jacob and Joseph John 8:32; Judges 17:6
 - d. Tradition Matthew 15:1-9
 - e. Other Rule books Revelation 22:18-19
3. The right source of authority
 - a. The Bible claims to be our authority 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:3
 - b. We will be judged by what which is contained in our Bible John 12:48; Romans 2:16
 - c. It is from God 2 Peter 1:20-21; 3:16; 2 John 9-11
 - d. This book contains the Mind of God, the state of man the way of salvation the doom of sinners. It's doctrine are holy, it's precepts are binding it's histories are true and it's decision immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword and the Christian's charter. Here paradise is restored, heaven opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is the grand object, our good, it design and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently and prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be opened at the judgment and will be remembered forever. It involves the greatest responsibility, rewards the greatest labor and condemn all who trifle with its holy content

III Conclusion

1. Since the Bible is our source of authority in religion will you obey it today?
2. All of us have preconceived ideas that need to be changes by the Word of God.
3. Will you not let those changes by made in you today?
4. There are things in the very near future that will challenge our position, what will you do?

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