

Authority

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Introduction

1. Text Ephesians 3:1-6
2. We need authority for all that we do Colossians 3:17
3. With all the different religions that are in the world, we need to know where to go for our authority to do what we do.
4. Let the Bible discuss the subject of authority.

II Discussion

- A. Matthew 7:13ff
 1. Authority may lead down the wrong road. Proverbs 14:12; 2 John 9-11; Matthew 7:21
- B. Matthew 21:23-32
 1. Need of authority; men asked by what authority
 2. Must have then:
 - a. authority must be from heaven
 - b. must believe in this authority
 - c. people who will not accept the authority; some will reject the authority rejecting even the Christ
 - d. Men are not the standard (authority). John 12:48; 14:15; Matthew 10:37
- C. Matthew 28:18-20
 1. Christ has all authority
 2. Christ has all authority for all time and ages.
 3. Christ taught as one having authority. Matthew 7:28-29
 4. Colossians 1:18 Christ has the pre-eminence.
 5. Heaven's authority rest in Christ
- D. John 20:22-23
 1. Christ delegated authority to apostles and the writers of the New Testament.
 2. Matthew 16:19; John 14:26; 15:26; 16:12-16; 1 Corinthians 2:9-16; Ephesians 3:5; 2 Thessalonians 2:15-17; 1 Corinthians 14:37
- E. 1 Thessalonians 5:21
 1. We must have authority for all things we practice!
 2. Colossians 3:16-17
- F. 2 Thessalonians 2:15
 1. Authority is the New Testament
 2. Ephesians 3:5; 2 Peter 1:3; Colossians 3:17; Matt 4:4

III Conclusion

1. We must live by that authority. Matthew 4:4; 7:21ff
2. Authority is a pattern. 2 Timothy 1:13; Philippians 3:16

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