

# **Authority of the Scriptures**

## **Inherent Authority of God**

- Genesis 1:1
- As the Creator of mankind, God has the authority to tell me for what purpose He created me.
- If we want to understand why we are here, we need to listen to the One who made us.
- Ecclesiastes 12:13
- Do you believe we have a Creator we are responsible to?

## **All Authority Given To Jesus**

- Matthew 28:18
- Jesus is the only way to the Father
- John 14:6
- The only name by which we must be saved
- Acts 4:12

## **Authority Delegated to the Apostles**

- John 20:21
- If we receive the Apostles, we receive Jesus and the Father who sent Him.
- John 13:20

## **Apostles and Prophets wrote the Bible**

- Eph 3:1-5
- Which is God's Power to Save
- Romans 1:16
- But how could men write God's power to save accurately?

## **They spoke as the Holy Spirit guided them**

- They were guided by the Spirit
- John 14:26
- John 16:12-13
- They were moved by the Spirit
- 2 Peter 1:20-21
- The Spirit combined spiritual thoughts with spiritual words
- 1 Corinthians 2:10-13

## **God prohibits us from tampering with His Word**

- Do not add to His Word
- Deuteronomy 4:2; Revelation 22:18
- Do not subtract from His Word
- Deuteronomy 4:2; Revelation 22:19
- Do not change His Word
- Galatians 1:6-9
- Do not go beyond His Word
- 2 John 9; 1 Corinthians 4:6

### **God's Word Is All Sufficient**

- The Word was once for all delivered
  - Jude 3 (The Faith = The Word: Galatians 1:11,23)
- The Word tells us every good work
  - 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- The Word gives us all things pertaining to Life & Godliness
  - 2 Peter 1:3-4
- God's Word will judge us
  - John 12:48-50; 2 Corinthians 5:10

### **Does the bible have all the answers?**

- The things revealed are for us, the secret things belong to God
  - Deuteronomy 29:29

So then the Bible has all the answers we need for life, godliness and to do every good work. It doesn't necessarily give us every answer to every question we could ask!

## **God's Plan for Salvation**

### **God Wants Us To Be In Fellowship With Him**

- He calls us into fellowship through Jesus
  - 1 Corinthians 1:9
  - But how does He call us?
- By the Gospel of the Apostles and Prophets
  - 2 Thessalonians 2:14-15

### **What We Have In The World or In Christ**

Ephesians 2:11-13; 1:7

### **Sin Separates Us From Fellowship With God**

Isaiah 59:1-2

- All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God
  - Romans 3:23

So how do we get into Christ, so we can have access to his blood which forgives our sins?

### **The Sum of God's Word is the Truth**

Psalm 119:160

So we want to look at all the passages that tell us what God wants us to do to be saved.

### **Let's First Look At What Jesus Said: John 14:15; 15:14**

- We must believe to be saved from our sins  
John 8:24
- We must repent or we will perish  
Luke 13:3
- We must confess Jesus before men  
Matthew 10:32-33
- We must believe and be baptized to be saved  
Mark 16:16
- Preach repentance and remission of sins  
Luke 24:46-47
- Make disciples of all nations and baptize them  
Matthew 28:19

### **Let's Look At Some Examples To See If The Apostles and Prophets Did All The Things Jesus Said**

- Conversion of 3000 souls  
Acts 2:37-39
- Conversion of an Ethiopian  
Acts 8:35-38
- Conversion of a Philippian jailer  
Acts 16:30-34
- Conversion of the Apostle Paul  
Acts 22:6-16

### **Let's Look At These Other Passages The Apostles And Prophets Wrote**

- We must have faith to come to God  
Hebrews 11:6
- In order to have faith one must hear the word of God  
Romans 10:17
- One must confess unto salvation  
Romans 10:9,10
- We are baptized into Christ -to put on Christ  
Galatians 3:27
- We are baptized into Christ - crucifying our old life  
Romans 6:1-6
- Baptism is the answer of a good conscience  
1 Peter 3:21

### **Do you believe Jesus is Lord?**

If so, obey from the heart that form of doctrine delivered to us.

- Romans 6:17