

Review

What are two sides of authority?

- The R_____ or P_____ to rule or command
- To _____ by the instruction and/or approval of the rightful ruler

If we're concerned about authority, we're going to be concerned with...

- God's rule and His instruction and His L_____
- What I M_____ do and what I C_____ do



Roadmap

- ✓ What is authority, and how is the word used in the Scriptures?
- ✓ We need authority in our lives
- ✓ God is the ultimate authority
- ✓ What our source and standard of authority is not
 - **How is God's authority expressed to man**
 - Respecting God's silence
 - Using the inductive method to determine the will of God
 - Determining God's will through commands, statements, examples, and necessary conclusions
 - The Scriptures give us a pattern
 - Generic and Specific authority
 - Expediency
 - Examples of respect and disrespect of authority
 - Improper attitudes and assaults upon authority

Lesson 5: God's Authority Expressed to Man

Every man needs authority and rule in His life.

Although men look to other sources of authority for their religious teachings, beliefs, and practices, God is the ultimate source of authority.

In this lesson, we want to answer this question:

How does God express His rule, His commands, His instructions – that is, His will – to man?



Last Week

- ❑ In the past, God has made His will known through speaking His word
- ❑ God was also speaking through the Old Testament Scriptures
- ❑ In these last days, God has made His will known by speaking to us by His Son
 - ❑ The authority of Jesus
 - ❑ His Son
 - ❑ The Prophet
 - ❑ King
 - ❑ Christ
 - ❑ Lord
 - ❑ His claims confirmed
 - ❑ We see then the authority of Jesus

How Has God spoken through His Son Jesus Christ?

- ❑ Through the words Jesus spoke during His earthly ministry
 - ❑ Hebrews 2:3-4
 - ❑ Acts 10:36-37
 - ❑ Matthew 4:17
 - ❑ Luke 16:16
- ❑ Jesus spoke with authority
 - ❑ Matthew 5:21-22, 27-28, 33-34, 38-39
 - ❑ Matthew 7:28-29

God's will was being spoken in these last days through
the words Jesus spoke

How Has God spoken through His Son Jesus Christ?

- ❑ Jesus wasn't going to remain on this earth forever. Before His death, burial and resurrection, Jesus promised His chosen apostles that the Holy Spirit would be sent to them for the teaching of truth.
- ❑ The Holy Spirit would...
 - ❑ John 14:26
 - ❑ Teach all things
 - ❑ Bring to remembrance all things Jesus had said to them
 - ❑ John 16:13
 - ❑ Guide the apostles into all truth

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- ✓ Jesus wasn't going to remain on this earth forever. Before His death, burial and resurrection, Jesus promised His chosen apostles that the Holy Spirit would be sent to them for the teaching of truth.
- ❑ The things given to the apostles by the Holy Spirit were not of the Holy Spirit's own authority or own initiative.
 - ❑ John 16:13-15
 - ❑ Perfect unity in the Godhead

How Has God spoken through His Son Jesus Christ?

- ✓ Jesus wasn't going to remain on this earth forever. Before His death, burial and resurrection, Jesus promised His chosen apostles that the Holy Spirit would be sent to them for the teaching of truth.
- ❑ The apostles were promised they would receive power when the Holy Spirit came upon them. When the power came, the Holy Spirit had come upon them, and the things which they spoke were the things of the Spirit.
 - ❑ Acts 1:4-5, 8.....Luke 24:46-49.....Acts 2:1-4
 - ❑ John 15:27.....Acts 1:8.....Luke 24:48
 - ❑ 1 Corinthians 2:9-13

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- ❑ So the apostles' words, given by the Holy Spirit, would be God's words.
- ❑ Having come from God, the apostles' words are authoritative.
 - ❑ The things that they loosed and the things that they bound will have been loosed and bound in heaven
 - ❑ Matthew 16:18; 18:18
 - ❑ They were official representatives of the Kings – ambassadors for Christ
 - ❑ 2 Corinthians 5:20

Did the Apostles Claim Their Words were Authoritative?

- Yes
- 1 Corinthians 2:7-13
 - The words of God which the Holy Spirit teaches
- 1 Corinthians 14:37
 - The commandments of the Lord
- 2 Corinthians 10:8; 13:10
 - The authority the Lord gave
- 2 Thessalonians 2:13
 - The word of the Lord
- 2 Thessalonians 3:14
 - Must obey

Was the Apostles' Claim Confirmed?

- ❑ Hebrews 1:4
- ❑ Mark 16:20
- ❑ Acts 2:23
- ❑ 2 Corinthians 12:12

God confirmed the authority of their message through accompanying signs

God's will was spoken in these last days not only through the words Jesus spoke, but also through the words the apostles spoke