

# 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

In this lesson, we are seeking to answer this question:

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



- ❑ We've seen how God has made His will known in times past
- ❑ We've seen that in the last days, God has spoken to us by His Son (Hebrews 1:1-2), and this includes:
  - ❑ The words Jesus spoke
  - ❑ The things the apostles spoke
  - ❑ The things the apostles wrote
- ❑ Thus we see the divine chain of **authority**.
  - ❑ God, Christ, Holy Spirit, Apostles, Scriptures
- ❑ The written, New Testament Scriptures are authoritative.
  - ❑ They contain the will of Jesus Christ

# The Apostles & Their Teaching

□ Ephesians 3:1-5

Christ

Holy Spirit



Paul



Wrote

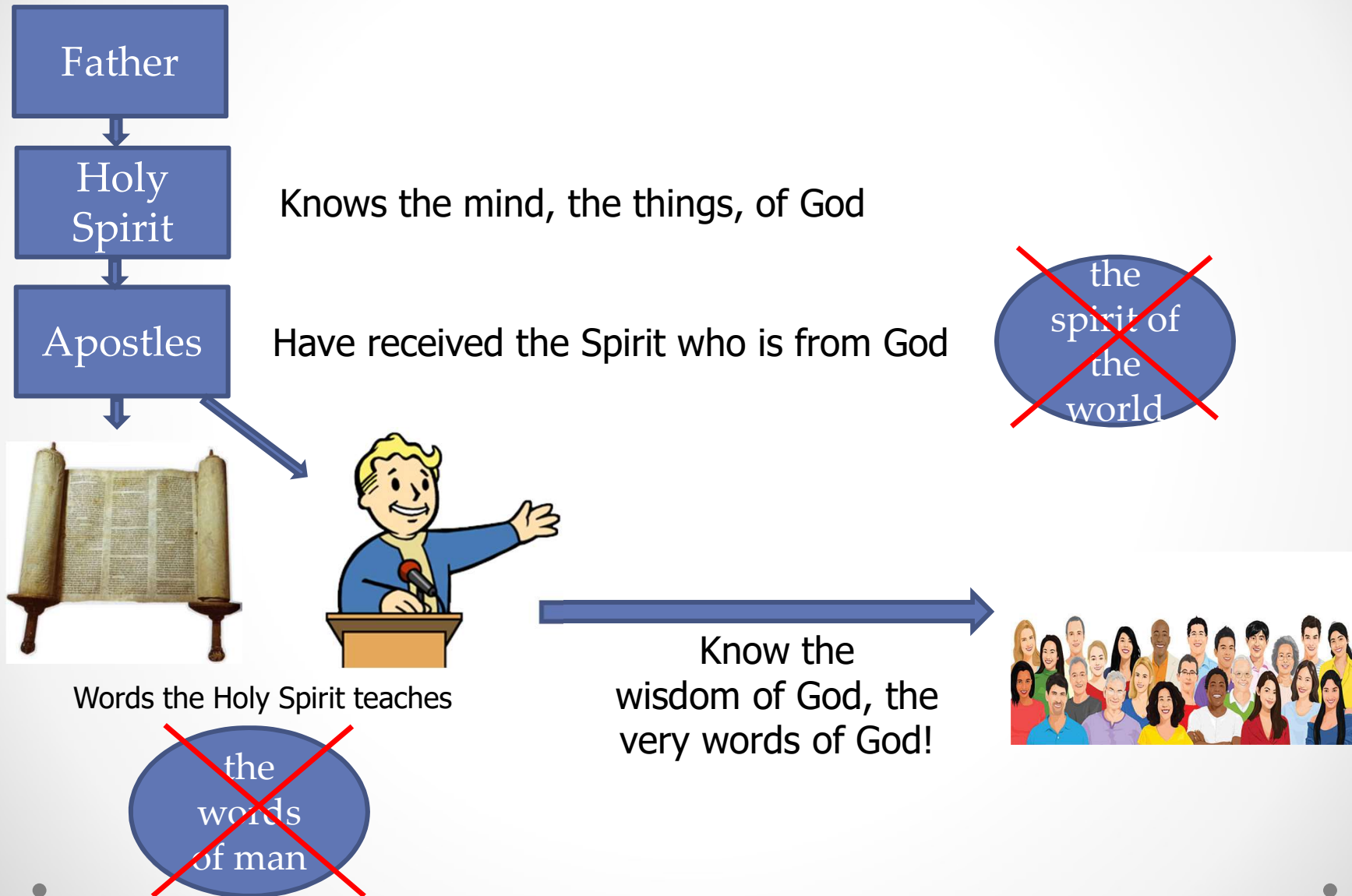


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# The Apostles & Their Teaching

□ 2 Corinthians 2:4-13



❑ Tonight:

❑ The qualities of the written Scriptures are consistent with their **authority**.

❑ To go beyond the written Scriptures is to go beyond the **authority of Christ**.

# The Qualities of the Written Scriptures

- These qualities are consistent with the authority of the Scriptures
- God-breathed
- Will make us complete
- Will thoroughly equip us for every good work
- They are just what we need, nothing more and nothing less
- Know with certainty
- Know and have life in Him
- Have fellowship with the Father, the Son, and his children
- Have full joy
- That you may know that you have eternal life
- That you may continue to believe



# The Qualities of the Written Scriptures

- ❑ These qualities are consistent with the authority of the Scriptures
- ❑ Ephesians 3:1-5; 5:17
  - ❑ Understandable
- ❑ Jude 3
  - ❑ Common
  - ❑ Final
  - ❑ 1 Corinthians 13:9-10
- ❑ 2 Timothy 2:2
  - ❑ Timeless; need no update

# The Qualities of the Written Scriptures

- ❑ These qualities are consistent with the authority of the Scriptures
- ❑ 1 Timothy 3:14-15
  - ❑ To teach us how to behave
- ❑ 2 Peter 1:3-4
  - ❑ All we need for life and godliness
- ❑ Revelation 22:18-19
  - ❑ Not to be added to or taken away from
  - ❑ Deuteronomy 4:2

These qualities of Scripture must be acknowledged and embraced if we are to be able to determine the will of God and thus act by His authority.

- ❑ We must believe we have in the Scriptures all we need and nothing more and nothing less, in order to be complete and accomplish every good work God wants us to accomplish; else, we may forever question, “but what if....”
- ❑ We must believe the Scriptures are understandable; else, we may be inclined to give no effort and accept whatever any man says, or may be tempted to say we cannot understand alike.

These qualities of Scripture must be acknowledged and embraced if we are to be able to determine the will of God and thus act by His authority.

- ❑ We must believe the Scriptures can be known with certainty; else, we may take the path of the agnostic.
- ❑ We must believe the Scriptures are final; else, how can you know whether there is something else coming?
- ❑ We must believe the Scriptures contain all we need for life and godliness; else, we may turn to the philosophies of men and the popular psychology of the day.