

Review

- What are two sides of authority?
 - The right or power to rule or command
 - Acting by the instruction and/or approval of the rightful ruler
- When we are concerned with God's authority, we are concerned with what?
 - God's rule, His instruction, His Law
 - What I must do and what I can do
- Does God's silence give consent?
 - No
- Following the inductive method, what two things are required?
 - Gather all the facts
 - Harmonize them

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- Name four things included in gathering all the facts.
 - Statements
 - Commands
 - Approved Examples
 - Necessary Conclusions
- When God's word is specific, do we have the right to make it generic?
 - No.
- When God's word is generic, does it authorize the specifics of that generic?
 - Yes.
- What does expedient mean?
 - Helpful or profitable in expediting or carrying out a command
- An expedient must first be what?
 - Lawful

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- What are some principles of logic to determine the applicability of New Testament accounts of activity (“examples”):
 - Uniformity
 - Harmony
 - Universality
 - Materiality
 - Competence
 - Recognizing limited applications
- Does the NT teach that the apostle’s doctrine is a pattern? If so, where?
 - 2 Timothy 1:13

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- Is the local church authorized to collectively do anything the individual Christian does?
 - No
- What is an example of teaching in the New Testament that distinguishes church action from individual action?
 - Matthew 18:15-17
 - 1 Timothy 5:3-16

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
- ✓ Generic and Specific authority
- ✓ Expediency
- ✓ When is an Example Binding?
- ✓ The Scriptures give us a pattern
- ✓ The church and the individual
- **Improper attitudes and assaults upon authority**



Lesson 14: Assaults Upon Authority

❑ **Objective of this lesson:**

- ❑ Attacks upon the authority of Christ were predicted by the apostles, experienced in the first century, and continue today. Let us be forewarned about the assaults so that we can be forearmed and ready to make a defense for the truth.

Departures from the Authority of Christ

- Predicted
 - Acts 20:29-31
 - 2 Peter 2:1-3
- From insiders
 - 2 Peter 2:20-21
 - Acts 20:29
- The antidote, the solution?
 - Acts 20:31-32
 - 2 Peter 3:16-18

Improper Attitudes toward Authority

- “Cannot be sure about the truth”
- “The Scriptures are not complete...there are other details that could have occurred that would change our understanding”
- “Times have changed”
- “History, science, etc. ought to be consulted also in order to know what pleases God” – considering history, science authoritative
- Charges of legalism and “Phariseeism” when we ask for book, chapter, and verse
- “The New Testament is a book of love letters, not a book of law”