

# *What is your Authority?*

**This morning – The authority of the NT**

**Tonight – What is your authority?**

# Your own authority?

- Many just do what they think is right.
- **Judges 17:6** In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.
- **Proverbs 14:12** There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.

# Your own authority?

- Many just do what they think is right.
- **Jeremiah 10:23** O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps.
- **Are you your own authority?**

# Is Family your authority?

- Many obey the Bible IF mother did.
- Grandpa always believed this – must be OK
- **Matthew 10:37** He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.
- **Honest, sincere people can be wrong, mistaken.**

# Is the Majority your authority?

- Millions of people can't be wrong.
- Many - “Go with the flow”
- See how the wind blows
- They are blown about by every wind of doctrine – Ephesians 4:14

# Is the Majority your authority?

- **Matthew 7:13-14** 13 Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. 14 Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

# Is your authority human religion?

- Man made religions, denominational doctrines, traditions of men
- **Matthew 15:9** And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.

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- **God is above all – 1 Corinthians 11:3** But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.
- **Power given to the Son – Matthew 28:18** And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.



# What is your Authority?

- **Jesus sent apostles to teach – Mark 16:15-16** 15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

# What is your Authority?

- **They were taught, led and guided by the Holy Spirit – John 16:13** However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

# What is your Authority?

- **They were taught, led and guided by the Holy Spirit – John 14:26** But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

# What is your Authority?

- What the apostles taught (orally and in writing) is not of their own invention
- They wrote the information given from God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.
- When you read Paul or Peter – you are reading the Word of God.