

A Biblical Understanding of The Church Jesus Built

"CHURCH"
In The
Universal
Sense

A Denomination is smaller than the universal church, but larger than the local church. Such is not found in the New Testament

"CHURCH"
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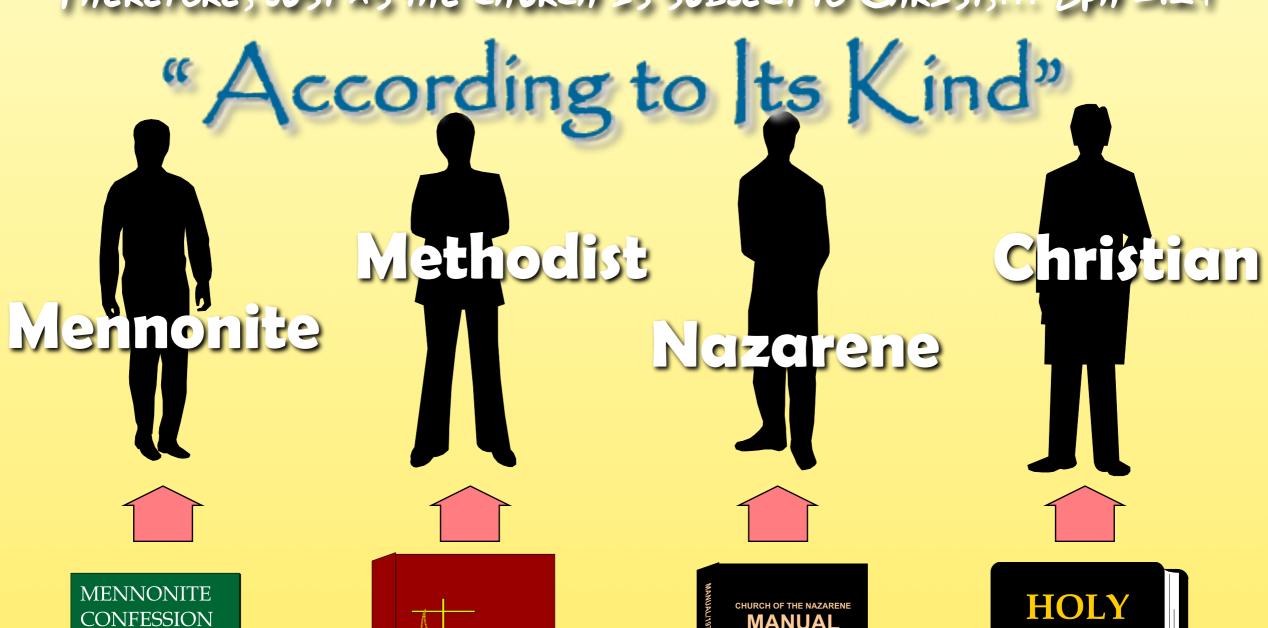
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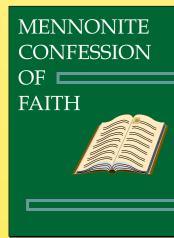
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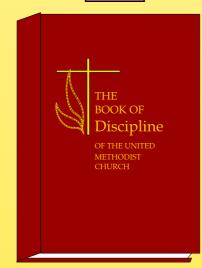
.. The Lord added daily to the church those who were being saved — Acts 2:47

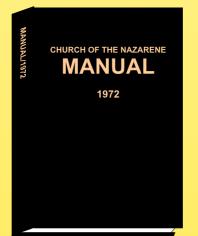
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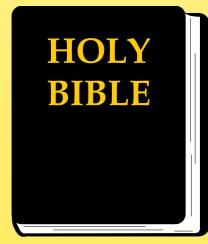
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Ask Jesus to come into your heart . . . Say the sinners prayer!

There is
ABSOLUTELY
NOTHING you can
do to be saved!

The Bible Doesn't Teach Me to Be Saved One Way And You Another

Believe, repent, confess, and be baptized into Christ – Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Rom. 10:9; Rom. 6:3-6; Col. 2:11-13

The Principle of Submission

"How To Establish Faith"

Matthew 21:25-26



Possible

Sources

From Men

Mt. 15:1-9

I Cor. 4:6

Gal. I:10-17

Col. 2:8

2 Thess. 2:2-4

From Heaven

Mt. 21:23-27

I John 4:4-6

Gal. I:6-9

Col. 2:6-10

2 Thess. 2:15

From Heaven or Men?

Is The Church of CHRIST A Biblical Church? The Principle of Submission

How To Establish Our Faith

17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith." - Romans 1:17 (NKJV)

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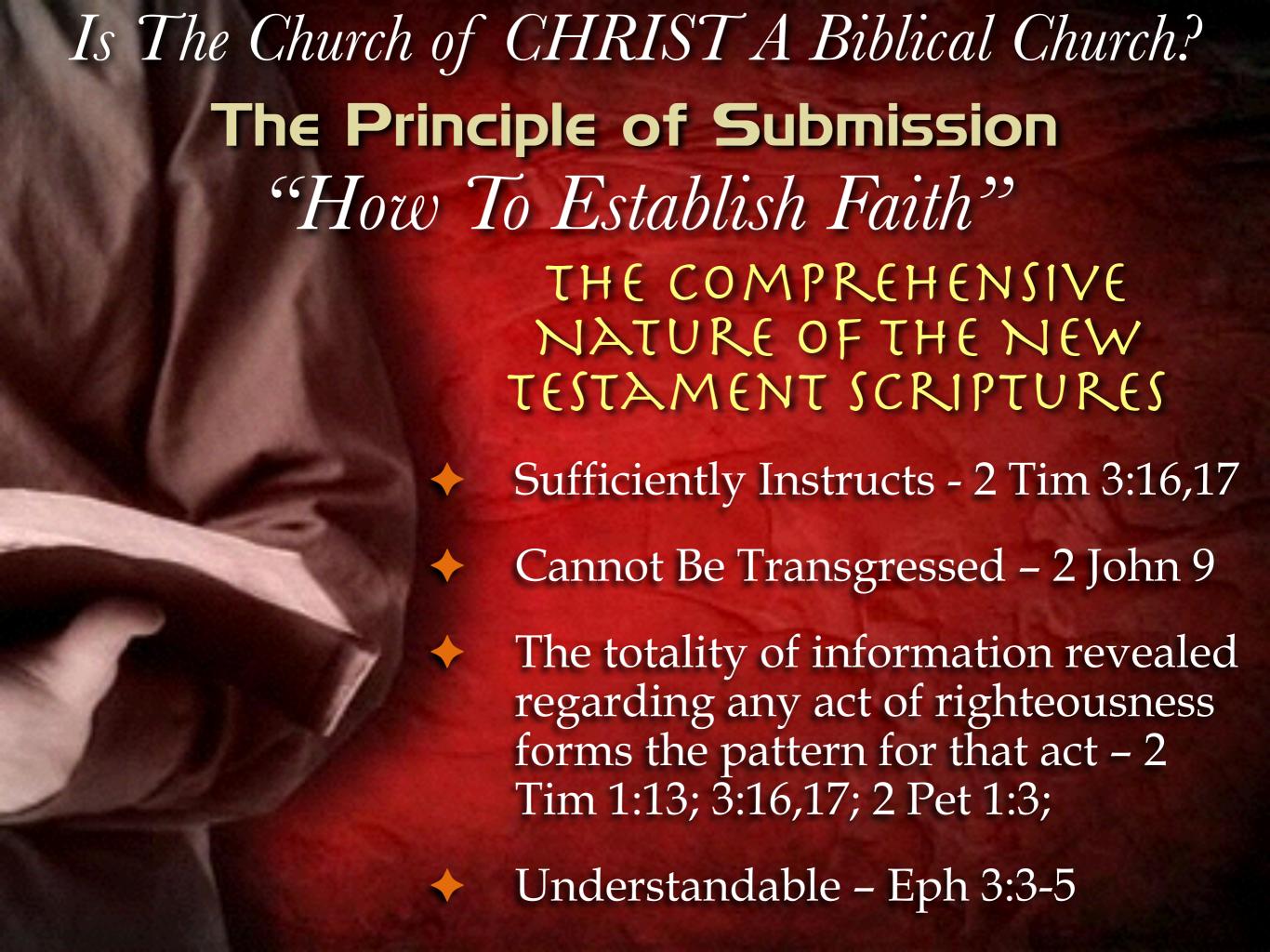
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17 "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." - Romans 10:17 (NKJV)

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Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls." - James 1:21 (NKJV)



The Principle of Submission

SEEKING PERMISSION FOR ALL WE BELIEVE, TEACH & PRACTICE

God's Silence To Be Respected!

We cannot know the mind of God except through revelation
1 Cor 2:10, 11,14
Eph 3:3-5
Isaiah 55:8,9

Faith comes by hearing

ROMANS 10:17

God has
revealed
everything He
wants us to
know & do 2 Pet 1:3;
2 Tim 3:16,17
Jude 3

WALKING BY FAITH MEANS WALKING BY WHAT GOD HAS SAID 2 Cor. 5:7; 1 Cor. 4:6; Gal. 1:6-9

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"How To Establish Faith - How God Instructs"

HOW TO UNDERSTAND:

- God has used the basic laws communication to reveal His will to us.
- Direct Command or Statement.(Must Examine Context)
- Approved Apostolic Example.

 (Observation of Approved Activity of first Century Christians).
- Necessary Implication. (a logical and unavoidable conclusion drawn from statements or propositions).

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TWO EXTREMES

For a thing to be condemned it MUST BE SPECIFICALLY STATED



For a thing to be authorized it MUST BE SPECIFICALLY STATED

Is The Church of CHRIST A Biblical Church? The Principle of Submission 'How To Establish Faith - How God Instructs'

Exclusive & Inclusive

Specific authority:
Precisely formulated or restricted. If a command is specific, the action is authorized, then the details are specified.



Generic authority:

General; opposite to specific. If a command is generic, an action is authorized without the details.

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Exclusive & Inclusive

God has used the basic laws of communication to reveal His will to us.

- Generic instruction includes all the essentials and the expedients to fulfill that instruction
- Specific instruction, either stated or implied, takes precedence over generic instruction
- Instruction, either specific or generic, can only be altered, modified, or limited by more specific instruction

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Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did. . . 7:5 ⁵And Noah did according to all that the Lord commanded him.

Specific authority:

Gopher wood (14)

Compartments (14)

450' Long (15)

75' Wide (15)

45' Tall (15)

1 Window & Door (16)

3 Stories (16)

Generic & Specific:

Build an ark of gopher wood

Expedients

Tools & Size of material dependent upon specific need

Lib∈rty:

Source and means of transporting materials

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Authorized

Incidental

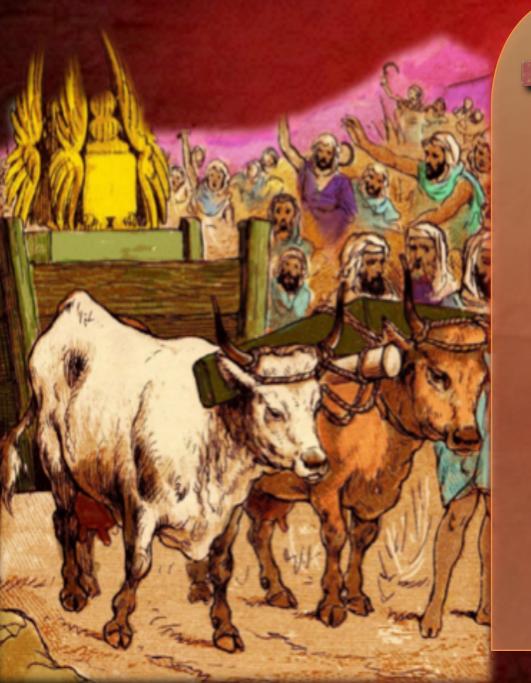
Tools
Scaffolds
Help

Build An Ark of Gopher Wood

Excluded / Unauthorized

Another door
Different wood
Different size
Additional boats

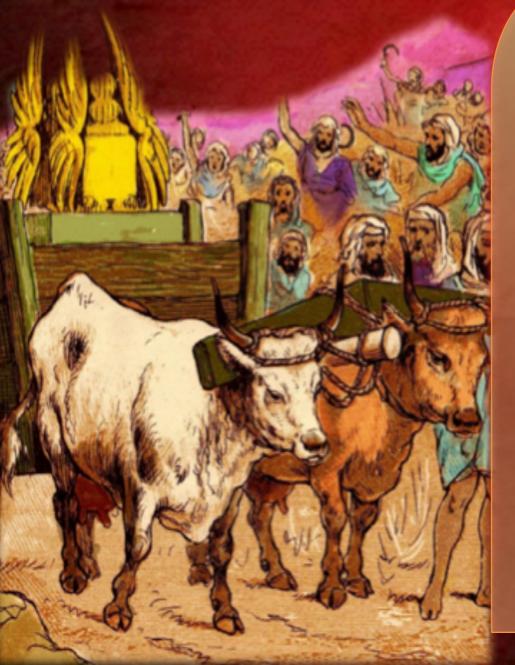
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- Consulted with every leader

 (I Chron I3:I) but forgot
 to consult God's word (I
 Chron I5:I3)
 - The Ox Cart was unauthorized NOT an expedient -
 - Was not specifically condemned
 but was condemned because
 the method was specified!

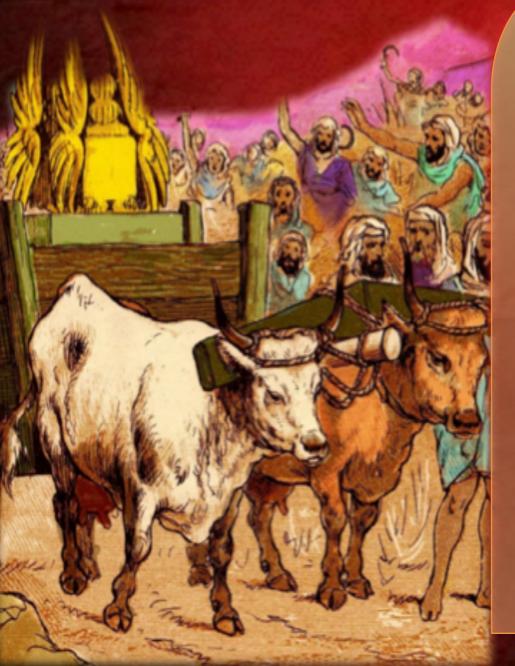
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- When God specifies we CANNOT substitute.
 - (1 Chron 13:5-8)
 - David's best attempt to serve God according to his own thinking dishonored God instead of honoring Him (Lev 10:1-4; 1 Chron 15:2,13; Isa

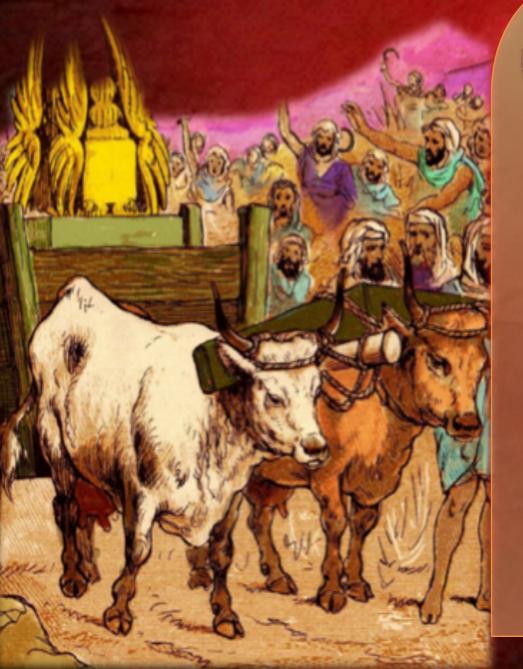
55:6-9; Hos 14:9; Col. 3:17)

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 - (1 Chron 13:5-8)
 - Nadab and Abihu (Lev. 10:1,2)
 - Moses (Num 20:8-24)
 - King Saul (1 Sam. 13 & 15)
 - Jeroboam (1 Kings 12:25-33)
 - Uzziah (2 Chr. 26:16-23)

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- When God specifies we CANNOT substitute.
 - (1 Chron 13:5-8)
 - We must remember that any substitute for what God specifies is evil, regardless of intent (cf Num 20:8,11; Matt 7:21-23; 2 Jn 9,10; Dt 4:2; 12:32; Jos 1:7; Pro 30:6; Rev 22:18,19).

The Great Commission

Specified:

Make disciples

Baptizing them

Teach them to observe all things that I have commanded you

- Making athletes / Professionals ...
- Sprinkling or pouring ...
- Teaching them chemistry? English? accounting? health?

The Great Commission

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Teach them to observe all things that I have commanded you

Includes:

- Method of going.
 Drive a car, boat,
 plane, walk, etc.
 Which nation –
- River; Creek; Pond;Ocean; Tub;Baptistery
- One on one; Public preaching; Written lesson plans; Illustrated lessons ...

The Great Commission

Specified:

Obeying the Command to Assemble:-

A tim∈ – 1 Cor 11:33 - No specified pattern or limitation given to time of day.

A place − 1 Cor 11:20 No specified pattern or
limitation given to location:

Includes:

- A Time: anytime during specified day -Morning – Noon -Evening
- A Place: in the temple. Acts 2:42\ in a house. Rom 16:5 by a river. Acts 16:13 Home Shade Tree Rent Buy -Building

Worship: When & Where?

Specified:

Activity only on first day of the Week -

- 1. Lord' Supper.- Acts 20:7
- 2. Contribution- 1 Cor 16:1,2

- Any other day
- - Thursday night observations?
- During midweek services?

Worship: When & Where?

Specified:

Music in our worship

- 1. The Participants –"one another"
- 2. The Kind of Songs –
 "Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,"
- 3. The Instrument

 -"Singing Making melody
 in your heart to the Lord"

- Solos & Choirs!
 Playing instrument!
- Patriotic songs,
 holiday jingles,
 secular songs -
- Making melody on a piano!
- Entertainment!

Worship: When & Where?

These change the type (nature, characteristic) of the music "specified." God Specified: The Participants -The Kind of Songs -The Instrument to be Used -

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- Song leader; Song Books
- Parts

1 Cor 14:40

• Pitch pipe

Worship: When & Where?

These are expedients
/ liberties / aides! -

Expedients do not change or alter the specific instructions given by God.

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Expediency in human wisdom involves the right of choice within the realm of those things included in what God has authorized –

When God specifies, then man has no choice but to obey or be in rebellion to God.

To go beyond or fall short of that which is specified is "EVIL" – Numbers 20:8-12

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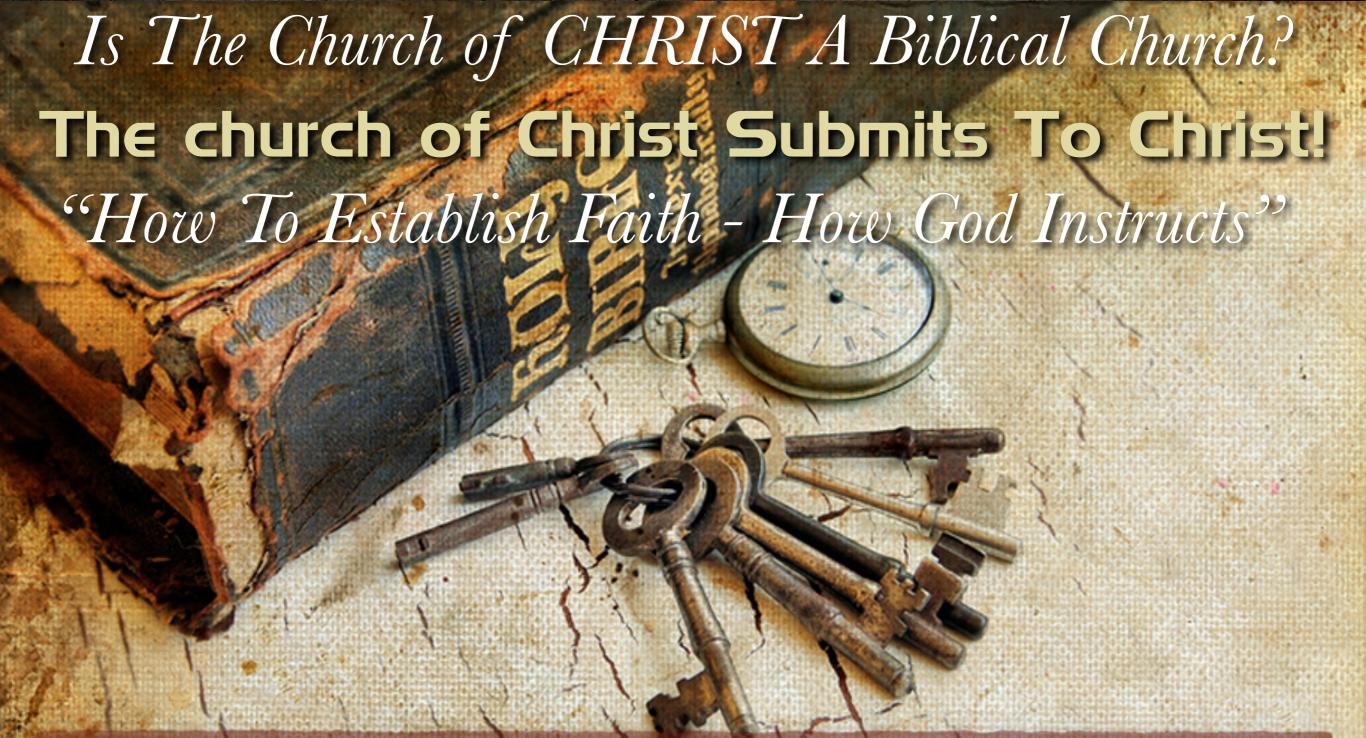
- If the Bible specifies a thing or action then we are not at liberty to alter or add to that thing or action.
- If the Bible gives a command that is general in nature without specifying the particulars, then all things necessary in carrying out that command in an orderly fashion, which does not add to or alter the nature of said command, is authorized.

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God has used the basic laws communication to reveal His will to us.

- The importance of establishing Divine authority for ALL we do!!
- The NT is the ONLY source of Divine authority -
- Must follow the inductive method of Bible study -
- What is your attitude towards the need to establish authority for all that you do?
- Do you desire to study the Word of God and follow it?



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GALATIANS 1:6-12 (NKJV)

⁶ I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, 7 which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.

GALATIANS 1:6-12 (NKJV)

⁹ As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed. 10 For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ.

GALATIANS 1:6-12 (NKJV)

11 But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. 12 For I neither received it from man, nor was l taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.