

AUTHORITY IN RELIGION

A chain of command is noted in the scriptures. One must first of all acknowledge that the Bible is in some manner inspired or that the Bible is true before the following logic is valid. To study with one that does not believe in the Christian faith will require study from different ground rules. Other apologetics must be utilized.

- I. God by definition is in control and is ultimate authority.
"There is one God . . ." Eph 4:6
- II. God gave authority to Christ.
Matt 28:18
Jn 5:17-23
Heb 1:1-2
- III. Christ gave authority to the Apostles.
Jn 16:13-15 (the spirit guided the apostles into all truth)
Mk 16:15
I Cor 14:37
- IV. The apostles gave their inspired writings to the world.
Jn 16:13-15
Jn 20:30 (scripture written so we might believe)
Gal 1:6-12
- V. Scripture is inspired.
II Tim 3:13-17
- VI. The scripture is all we need to live by.
II Pet 1:3-4
- VII. Scripture is not of private interpretation.
II Pet 1:20-21
- VIII. The Apostles teaching made Christians in the 1st century.
II Thess 2:14-15
(same will happen today if we follow their teachings)
- IX. The gospel saves.
Rom 1:15-17
- X. Christ's words will judge us.
Jn 12:48
- XI. NEW REVELATIONS ARE IN CONTRADICTION TO GOD'S WILL.
Gal 1:6-12
- XII. Look what the early church continued in. The apostles doctrine.
Acts 2:42

The early church continues in the apostles doctrine just as we must today. We do this by obeying their teaching.