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Lessons for Today

AM: Brian Mitchell
"The Church's Source of Authority--Pt.3"
Acts 2:40-42

PM: Brian Mitchell
"The Church's Source of Authority--Pt.4"
Hebrews 8:5

The Church's Source of Authority Alternative Standards of Authority

Jesus Christ has been given all authority. However, He speaks to us today through the writings of His holy apostles, who under the guidance of the Holy Spirit faithfully and accurately delivered in the NT Christ's will for the church for all times. Thus, it is through the NT that Christ speaks to and directs the church today. Thus, like those in Jerusalem we must "continue steadfastly in the apostle's doctrine" (Acts 2:42).

This leads to a Dilemma. This truth, as taught in the Bible, often leads to problems in the religious world. There are many that say they fully accept the doctrine of the apostles. However: when confronted with Scripture that challenges a particular belief or practice of theirs they often appeal for authority to a source of authority which says something very much different from that which the apostle's taught. Thus, they show that they only agree with and accept the doctrine of the apostles when it agrees with their own doctrine and that is not how authority in religion is established.

I can honestly say that over the years I have been wrong sometimes in my interpretation of the Bible, but I have never when discovering I was wrong said that I am going to do it anyway and used some source other than the Bible as my reason for doing so. In the lesson this morning we are going to examine some alternative standards of authority, other than the NT, that some resort to in an attempt to defend their religious beliefs and practices. In doing so we shall discover the dangers of these standards and observe how easy it is for us to allow ourselves to be guilty at times of looking to something other than the Bible for the authority behind our own beliefs and practices.

There are basically 2 types of sources that people use for authority today. Objective—where we look outside of ourselves for authority. In things such as my preacher said this or this is what most of the church preferred. Then there is subjective—where we look inside of ourselves for authority. In things such as conscience or our own wisdom and understanding.

But the truth is that it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps. This is why God did not leave us to do so. He instead spoke to us through His Son, who commissioned the apostles to teach His will on earth, and then record it for all times under the guidance of the Holy Spirit who ensured that what we have today in the NT is that which Jesus desired for us to have. Thus, in all matters of faith and practice we must turn to the NT, the final and authoritative word of Jesus the Christ. What do you look to in order to justify your beliefs and practices? Because if it is not the NT, then you are looking to the wrong source.

Brian Mitchell

Worship Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:00 am
AM Worship: 10:00 am
PM Worship: 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:00 pm

For the Record

Sunday Class: 106
Sunday AM: 167
Sunday PM: 79
Wednesday PM: 67
Contribution: \$5815
Budget: \$4464

Think on This...

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

1 John 5:14-15

Celebrating This Week...

Birthdays

Betty Welshans: 06.26
Garrett Craft: 06.28
Mark Essner: 06.28

Anniversary

Troy & Terri Bryan:
07.02

Serving This Week

Announcements: David Selvig

SUNDAY

Greeters: Charlie & Lesley Kluesner
Ushers: Randy Seabaugh/Troy Bryan
A/V: Scott Spraggs
Lead Singing: Todd Newman
Head Lord's Table: Phil Singleton
Scripture: Greg Dowdy
Prayers:
AM: Allen Hedge/Bill Welshans
PM: Charlie Kluesner/Kevin Bolen

WEDNESDAY

Lead Singing: Ephraim Rains
Devo: Brian Mitchell
Prayer: Phil Swiney

Elder Chair: David Selvig

Communion to Shut-Ins: Randy Seabaugh

Worship Organizer: Mat Kee

Daily Bible Reading

June 26: Psalms 91-94
June 27: Psalms 95-98
June 28: Psalms 99-102
June 29: Psalms 103-105
June 30: Psalms 106-108
July 1: Psalms 109-112
July 2: Psalms 113-117

Continuing Prayer Needs

****Contact the office with updates****

Tony Boyd	Carolyn Neese
Mark Blaylock	Wanda Raper
Thelma Brown	Lena Schweain
Donna Cox	Susan Seabaugh
Bill Dillman	Steve Simmons
Kelly & Trudy Garland	Lee Simpson
Newt & Kay Gilliland	Sarah Singleton
Juanita Hedge	Jerry Tesreau
Tim Hosey	Mike Turnbow
Diana Ivanovich	Lucky Vander
Betty Jones	Chris Weaver
Sid Naramore	Betty Welshans

Remember in Prayer

- **Fred Stoffregen**, Sharon Eck's brother was involved in a side-by-side accident last week and has a concussion and several broken ribs.
- **Earl Silvers**, Dan's brother is continuing to struggle with his health and is not doing well.
- Darlene Bartolo has requested prayers for her friend, **Kay Stroble** who is having a great deal of pain and is in the hospital undergoing tests.
- **Don Tawney** visited with us last Sunday and has requested prayers as he is struggling with several issues in his life.
- **Marian Allmon**, of the Marble Hill congregation was recently diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer and has begun treatments to shrink the tumor. Marian visits often on Sunday evenings.
- David Selvig requests prayers for a co-worker's mother, **Ginger Avery**, who was also recently diagnosed with breast cancer. She is in early stages of treatment at MD Anderson.

Sympathy

- Please remember **Ryan and Lisa Shephard** and their family in your prayers. They lost their youngest child, Bauer, very unexpectedly on Wednesday night. Needless to say, the entire family is devastated and need the comfort and peace that only God can provide. Lisa is the sister of Michelle Chesser.

News & Notes

- Our next **Red Cross Blood Drive** is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 6** from 2:30-6:30pm. Please sign up to donate (sheet outside Brian's office) or provide snacks (sign-up posted on the bulletin board).
- We will have a **Potluck Lunch** on **Sunday, July 10** following morning services. Mark your calendars and make plans to stay for a meal and good time of fellowship.
- See **Greg Dowdy** if you would like to have your hearing aids synced with the audio system. We are excited to have this new feature available and hope that it is beneficial as we continue to work out the kinks.

Curtis James Memorial Scholarship

- Please remember that contributions may be made at any time to the **Curtis James Memorial Scholarship Fund**. This scholarship has benefitted many of our youth over the years.
- This year we had four first-time recipients who received \$2000 each to further their educations at various Christian colleges:
Taylor Fehr (Harding), Christopher Newman (Harding), Emma Spraggs (Harding), and Lili Watson (Freed-Hardeman)
- The following students will return to their respective colleges with scholarships in the amount of \$1750 each:
Kolten Kluesner (Harding), Michael Newman (Harding), Seth Spraggs (Harding), and Sydney Watson (Faulkner)

Youth Corner

- **July 10-15:** BYC Week 3
 - Cost for each session is \$150/camper if postmarked 2 weeks prior to beginning of session. (Will be \$175 for on-site registration). Cost includes crafts, snacks, and t-shirt.
- **July 18:** SYS at Green Forest
- **July 25:** SYS at Dexter
- **August 8:** SYS at Shady Acres
- **August 15:** SYS at Bernie

IF WE ASK ANYTHING ACCORDING TO HIS WILL,

He hears us.