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The Authority of Scripture

The doctrine of the Authority of Scripture is grounded upon the fact that ultimate authority remains with God, and that Scripture is the Word of God. Although many people seek to authenticate the authority of God and His Word through secondary means, the ultimate source is His own word revealed to us in the prophets and Jesus Christ.

God's Authority

- All ultimate authority resides with God (Rom 13:1).
- Any authority on earth is given from God (John 19:11).

The Authority of God's Word

- All Scripture is inspired by God (2 Tim 3:16) and God's word is exalted above all things (Psalm 138:2).
- The source of authoritative Scripture is found in God's revelation to the prophets and in His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord (Heb 1:1-2).
- Jesus Christ came to herald the authoritative Word (Mark 1:38) and it is the duty of the preacher to preach it with authority (2 Tim 4:2, Titus).
- Authority of God's Word in our lives. Scripture is the highest source of authority in how we should live our lives so that we may be complete, equipped for every good work (2 Tim 3:16-17), and we should tremble at His Word (Isaiah 66:2b).



The Authority of Scripture

The Authority of God Alone in working Salvation and Judgement through His Word, Jesus Christ

- Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh (John 1:1-14), has been given all authority in heaven and on earth (Matt 28:18).
- Authority to judge:
- Jesus Christ is the one who has the sharp, two-edged sword, the Word of God (Revelation 2:12, Heb 4:12). He is called the Word of God and from His mouth will come a sharp sword, which He will strike down the nations (Rev 19:13, 15).
- The Word of God is able to discern the thoughts and intentions of our heart, and we will all stand exposed before Him to give an account (Heb 4:13; 1 Pet 4:5).
- Authority to save. God alone saves (Is 43:11) and through the preaching of His Word and the work of the Holy Spirit, the gospel reveals in our hearts His plan of redemption to those who repent and believe (Rom 1:15-16; Mark 1:15). The Word of the cross is the power of God for those that are being saved (1 Cor 1:18).