



BIBLE TALK

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Question: Who has authority in Christianity?

Answer: All authority has been given unto Jesus! (Matt. 28:18). God highly exalted Jesus, *“that in His name every knee should bow”* (Phil. 2:10). The reason for this is that there is salvation found in no other name given among men (Acts 4:12). The words that Jesus spoke while on earth shall judge us in the last day (Jn. 12:48).

Jesus delegated His authority to His apostles saying, *“Go teach all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you”* (Matt. 28:18-20). Their writing, our New Testament, is the only authority. Those who seek to please God, therefore, speak and act only as the Bible authorizes. *“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God”* (1 Pet. 4:11). It was said that the early church *“continued steadfastly in the apostles’ teaching”* (Acts 2:42). *“Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son”* (2 John 9).

The Bible only is the authority for Christ’s church today as well as those who are attempting to come to Christ. Jesus said to him, *“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me”* (John 14:6). Any group or individual that refuses to give full respect to Christ’s words is not His church or is His child! Paul warned, if even *“...an angel from heaven...if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed”* (Gal. 1:9b). Needless to say, listening to any other is being insubordinate to God and His Word.

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