



ESTABLISHING AUTHORITY

HOW WE KNOW WHAT GOD WANTS US TO DO



JESUS HAS ALL AUTHORITY

- ***Authority* Defined**

ἐξουσία (*exousia*, *ex-oo-see'-ah*) ability, capability, capacity, freedom, authority, right to act; power exercised by rulers by virtue of the office (ex. king, President).

LUKE 23:7; ROMANS 13:1 FF



JESUS HAS ALL AUTHORITY

- **In Heaven And On Earth**

MATTHEW 28:18

- **Over All Things to the Church**

EPHESIANS 1:22, 23

So, how can we know what He wants us to do?



HIS WILL: THE NEW TESTAMENT

- **Disciples Follow Jesus' Teachings**

JOHN 12:48; MATTHEW 28:20

- **Apostles Guided by the Holy Spirit**

**JOHN 16:4FF; 14:26; 13:20;
2ND COR. 5:20**



HIS WILL: THE NEW TESTAMENT

- God *Sent* Jesus *Sent* the Apostles

JOHN 12:49, 50; 6:38; 20:21-23; 16:7

- Demonstrated in the 1st Century

ACTS 2:41, 42; 1ST COR. 14:37;

PHLP. 4:9; 2ND TIM. 3:16



WHAT ARE OUR LIMITS?

- Based on the *Type* of Authority

- *General*

HEB. 10:25 – ACTS 20:8;
16:13; 1ST COR. 16:19

MATT. 28:19 – ACTS 8:26-30; 20:13

1ST TH. 5:17 – MARK 14:35; ACTS
9:40; 10:9; 1ST TIM. 2:8



WHAT ARE OUR LIMITS?

- Based on the *Type* of Authority
 - *Specific*

SINGING – EPH. 5:19; COL. 3:16

GIVING – 2ND COR. 9:7; 1ST COR. 16:1, 2

LORD'S SUPPER – 1ST COR. 11:23-26



WHAT ARE OUR LIMITS?

- Based on the *Type* of Authority

– *Application:*

IF IT IS GENERAL, I CANNOT BIND

IF IT IS SPECIFIC, I CANNOT LOOSEN

CANNOT GO TO EXTREME POSITIONS



WHAT ARE OUR LIMITS?

- **As We Have Been Given**

- *Commands*

ACTS 17:30; JOHN 13:34; EPH. 4:32

- *Divinely-approved Examples*

ACTS 20:7; 14:23; PHLP. 3:17

- *Necessary Inference*

MATT. 3:16



EXAMPLE: CHURCH SUPPORT

- **Members ➡ Members [Same Loc.]**

ACTS 2:41-45; 4:32-35; 6:1-6

- **Members ➡ Members [Other Loc.]**

ACTS 11:27-30; ROM. 15:24

- **Purpose: Evangelism/Benevolence**

2ND COR. 11:7-9; 1ST TIM. 5:9-16

