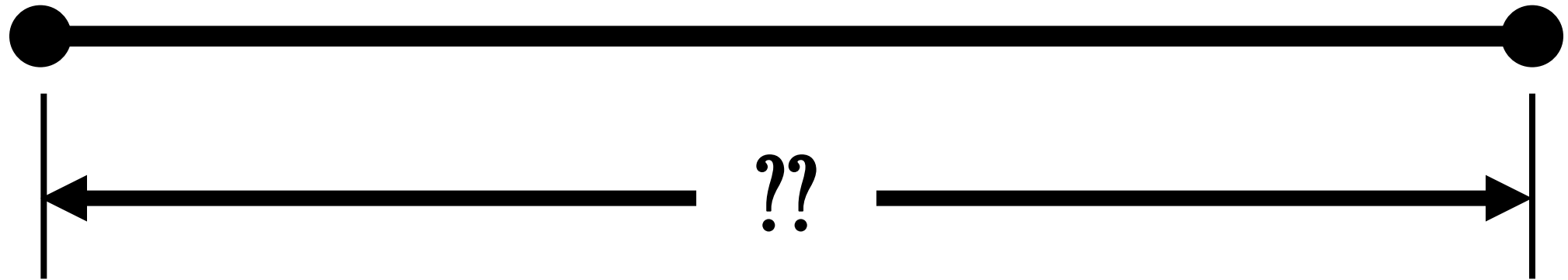


AUTHORITY:



HOW WE ESTABLISH AUTHORITY (PART 1)

How long is this line? How can we know?





Jesus Has All Authority

- Authority Defined
εξουσία (*exousia*) **Luke 23:7; Romans 13:1ff**
- In Heaven and on Earth
Matthew 28:18
- Head Over All Things to the Church
Ephesians 1:22, 23



The New Testament is His Will

- Disciples: Follow His Teachings

John 12:48; Matthew 28:19, 20

- Apostles: Inspired by the Holy Spirit

John 16:4ff; 14:26; 13:20; 2nd Corinthians 5:20



The New Testament is His Will

- God *sent* Jesus *sent* the Apostles
John 12:49, 50; 6:38; 20:21-23; 16:7, 13
- Demonstrated in the First Century
Acts 2:41, 42; 1st Cor. 14:37; Phlp. 4:9; 2nd Tim. 3:16



Establishing Authority

- The Freedom of General Authority

- The Assembly

Heb. 10:25; Acts 1:13; 15:13; 1st Cor. 16:19; Acts 20:7; 2:46; 5:42; 17:11

- Teaching the Gospel

Matt. 28:19; Acts 8:26-30; 20:13

- Praying

1st Thess. 5:17; Mark 14:35; Acts 9:40; 10:9; 1st Tim. 2:8



Establishing Authority

- The Limiting Power of Specific Authority
 - Noah and the Ark
Genesis 6:14, 15
 - Musical Worship
Ephesians 5:19/Colossians 3:16
 - Giving
2nd Corinthians 9:7; 1st Corinthians 16:1, 2

Specific Commands Do Not Require A Comprehensive List of What NOT To Do!

The Specific Command:

Ex. Buy a loaf of wheat bread

Make...an ark of gopherwood

Sing

Give on the first day of the week

No Need to Specifically Prohibit:

Ice cream, candy, soda, etc.

Oak, teak, pine, cedar, etc.

Whistling, mechanical
instruments, humming, etc.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, etc.

