

Establishing Bible Authority #3

1. Direct Command - plain, direct statement given to Christians;
2. Approved Example - actions approved of by inspired men in the Bible;
3. Necessary Inference - understanding what is happening without it being stated.

Two types of authority - understood by the language used in Scripture:

1. Generic - a **general** statement or **non-specific** statement for doing something
2. Specific - a **precise** statement restricting the method of doing something

I. GENERIC and/or SPECIFIC Authority -

A. Genesis 6:14-16 Wood - GENERIC
Gopher wood - SPECIFIC

B. Matthew 28: 18-20 Go -
Into all world -
Teach -
All I commanded you -

Direct commands

C. Matthew 26:26-28 “eat” “drink”
Luke 22:17-18 “cup” = “fruit of vine”
bread = “unleavened bread”
HOW DO WE KNOW?? Exodus 12:15

D. Acts 20:5-7 seven days - GENERIC
“first day of week - WHICH DAY IS IT?? Matthew 28:1

Approved Example

II. NECESSARY INFERENCE - some things **REQUIRED** by God

- A. “assembly” assembles - see 1 Corinthians 11:18-20
- B. every first day - see Exodus 20:8
- C. singing - Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16 (generic)
 1. songs, hymns, spiritual songs (specific)
 2. How? - With the voice??? With instruments is called what???
 3. What do books add? Do we HAVE TO SING with books???

III. EXPEDIENT (EXPEDIENCY) - a choice that facilitates/expedites the accomplishment of God’s will (a CHOICE - **not specified**) -

Expedients MUST BE LAWFUL!!

- A. How many songs to sing? (Hebrews 2:12; Ephesians 5; Colossians 3)
- B. Which type to sing? = (hymns, spiritual songs)
- C. Which fellow will lead the singing? (no women - 1 Corinthians 14; 1 Timothy 2)
- D. Which books to use?? (Mark 14:26 - maybe none!)

Conclusion: **Specific authority** restricts what/how we do a thing.

Generic authority allows liberty to choose the most expedient way to do a thing

What must I do to be Saved ?

Hear Romans 10:14, 17

Believe John 8:24; Mark 16:16

Repent Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

Confess Matthew 10:32

Be baptized in water Acts 2:38; 22:16

Remain faithful Revelation 2:10 b, Matthew 25:21

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