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AM - BEN WRIGHT - TWO TYPES OF AUTHORITY

PM - NEIL MYERS

**NEIL WILL BE SPEAKING THIS EVENING ABOUT THE PEARL HARBOR
CONGREGATION AND A PRESSING NEED THEY HAVE**

BIRTHDAYS:

Feb 10: Jenna Wright

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TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING

Bible Class 9:30

Worship 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

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TWO TYPES OF AUTHORITY

(Matthew 28:18-20)

I. _____ or _____ authority.

A. One great way to understand this is to simply look at the _____

- _____ found in Matthew 28:19-20.
- B. The two commands with generic authority are _____ and _____.
1. God did not say _____ into all the world, but simply go.
 2. Any way we can go that does not _____ any other command of God is a valid fulfillment of this command.
 3. I can teach the gospel in any way I choose that is _____ because the command to teach is a generic or general one.
- C. We need to understand that it is general authority that _____ us to meet in a church building.
1. First, notice Ephesians 4:11-12: This verse is part of the mission of the church: _____ of the saints, or equipping of the saints.
 2. Now notice Hebrews 10:25: it teaches us that we are to be _____ with one another.
 3. We need a _____ to assemble.
 4. It gives us the _____ to have a building.

II. _____ authority.

- A. Specific means just what you think it means: a pointed statement which has no room for personal _____.
- B. Go into all the world and preach the gospel (Mark 16:16).
1. There is no room to interpret _____ we are to go.
 2. There is no room to interpret _____ we are to preach.
- C. If we are to _____ from the specific command, we have sinned.
1. Such was the case with _____ and _____ (Leviticus 10:1-2).
 2. _____ the leper was given a specific command (2 Kings 5).
 3. When it comes to what one must do to be _____, the New Testament is specific.

III. A danger we must avoid.

- A. The temptation of making a generic command _____ must be avoided.
- B. If someone were to stipulate only _____ way to go into all the world, they would be sinning.
- C. We must make sure we understand also that it is sinful to take _____ a specific command of God.

THE DIVINE STANDARD

J.K. Gossett

The only true measure of a Christian is the word of God. Only God's written word

instructs one on how to become a Christian. Only the word sets forth the faith and practices of a Christian. A penman, inspired by the Holy Spirit, wrote: “Only let your conversation BE AS IT BECOMETH THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST (here is the standard, JKG): that whether I come, and see you or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in ONE spirit, with ONE mind, striving together for the faith of the gospel” (Phil. 1:27). Observe that it is the one faith, the faith of the gospel, not some faith or some gospel but “the faith of the gospel” for which one is to strive.

Now consider this passage: “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 2:5). It is not the mind of some theologian, philosopher, or professor which one is to have. No, not at all! It is the mind of Christ (the standard of which our mind is enjoined). This mind is the standard, the measure of our being. But what was the mind of Christ? This is a significant question. If one is to HAVE the MIND of Christ, he must KNOW the mind of Christ. The text under consideration informs us that the Christ of God was characterized by humility and obedience. Therefore, a sinner must come to Christ with humility and willingness to obey the Lord, and a Christian must walk with humility and obedience to follow the Lord. Consider this scripture: “Though he were a son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; and being made perfect, he became the Author of eternal salvation unto ALL THEM THAT OBEY HIM” (Heb. 5:8-9). Consider the fact that it is Christ who is to be obeyed. He is the standard.

Now look at one other Scripture: “But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart, that form of doctrine (here again is the standard, JKG) which was delivered you, being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness”(Rom. 6:17-18). This passage tells us what these people were (servants of sin), what they did (obeyed the form of doctrine delivered them) (Rom. 6:3-4), and what they became (free from sin and servants of righteousness). The divine standard, the doctrine of Christ, was the means of this transition. NO other will suffice!