Bible Authority Class Outline

Jan 1 – March 31, 2023

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Note: Each topic will take 1-3 classes depending on the subject and questions from the students.

# Goal of the Class

The purpose of this class is to:

* Remind ourselves of the meaning and importance of authority, specifically God’s authority
* Understand the key principles needed to interpret God’s word, that is how do we determine what God has authorized/wills for us to do and what has He not.
* Be able to apply these principles to God’s word on several subject areas to refresh and improve our understanding of what God’s will is on these subjects.

The net result should be that we have a better understanding of God’s will.

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| Class Topic | Approx Dates | Teacher |
| 1. What is authority, why is it important to us, and what is our obligation to it? |  | Randy |
| 1. What are the key principles used to determine what God wants? |  | Mark |
| 1. Why do people have trouble understanding the Bible? |  | Mark |
| 1. Rightly dividing the Word of God: Old Testament vs New Testament |  | Randy |
| 1. Is Baptism necessary for Salvation? Acts of Faith vs Works of Justification | 1/25  1/29 | Mark |
| 1. What is the authority for divorce and remarriage? | 2/1  2/5 | Mark |
| 1. What are the authorized uses of the Lord's money? Is there scriptural authority to use the treasury to pay for a building or a place to meet? Can the church building be used for weddings or funerals? | 2/8 | Randy |
| 1. Is there authority for using recreational drugs? | 2/12 | Randy |
| 1. What does the bible say about attending worship? Is it ok for me to skip Wednesday night bible study or Sunday evening worship? | 2/15 | Randy |
| 1. What does God say about gender identity, and should I use someone’s preferred pronouns? | 2/19 | Mark |
| 1. What does the bible say about Gambling? | 2/22 | Mark |
| 1. How do you deal with people who have disrespect for God’s authority? | 2/26 | Randy |
| 1. When is a child ready to become saved? What level of faith is required? When does a person lose their salvation? | Email | Randy |
| 1. What is the authority for Bible classes? Do we have the authority to use the Lord’s money for bible class material? | Email | Mark |
| 1. For the Lord’s supper, is there authority for multiple cups or authority for taking the Lord’s supper twice? | Email | Randy |
| 1. If a Christian swindles me out of $10k on a business deal and refuses to give it back can I sue him to get it back? | Email | Mark |
| 1. Is there bible authority for a Christian to file for a religious exemption over the Covid Vaccine? | Email | Mark |
| 1. What does the bible say about matters of liberty/discretion and how we are to submit/treat the “weaker brother/sister”? | Email | Randy |