Authority of the Scriptures



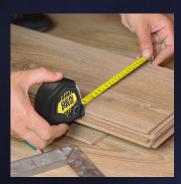
Class Rules

- Please limit yourself to one comment a class.
- Please make comments that are on topic.
- Please come to class with an open mind.
- Please come to class with a desire to grow.
- Please come to class with a desire to honor the Lord.
- Please understand if I am not able to call on every hand that is raised.

Class Lessons

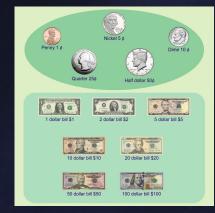
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These are common methods of communication! We use them every day!



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This is when God tells us directly to do or not do something. This can also be called a "commandment."

- Genesis 2:15-17
- Genesis 6:14
- Genesis 12:1
- > Exodus 20:1-16
- > Mark 16:15
- 1 Corinthians 11:24
- > John 15:12
- > 1 Corinthians 6:18

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This is where no direct statement exists, but God has shown us by the approved actions of others that a certain practice can be done.

- Philippians 4:9
- 1 Corinthians 4:16-17
- 1 Corinthians 11:1
- > Acts 20:7
- ➤ Galatians 2:11-14

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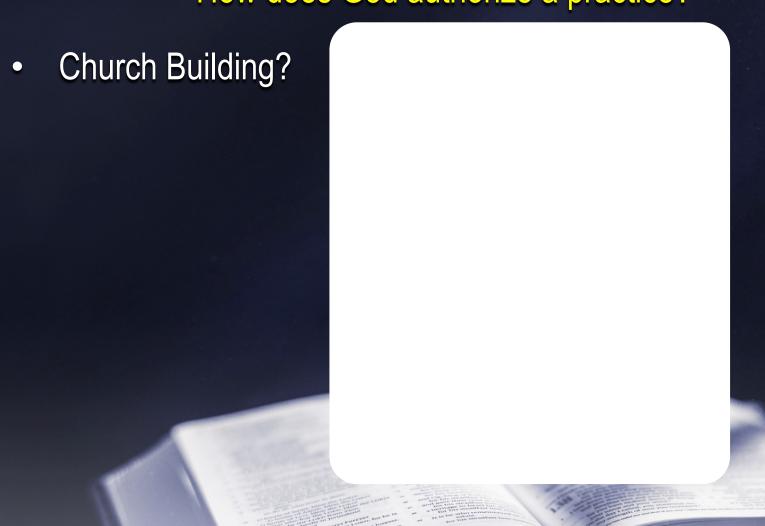
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This is when God has not authorized by command or example, but by an implication in the language used.

- "Implication" is not technically the same as "necessary inference."
- Implication is what God has put in the language.
- Inference is what we draw out (conclude) from the language.
- God implies; we infer.

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- We didn't make this stuff up!
- To reject these principles is to reject logic and communication
- To reject these principles is to reject God's authority



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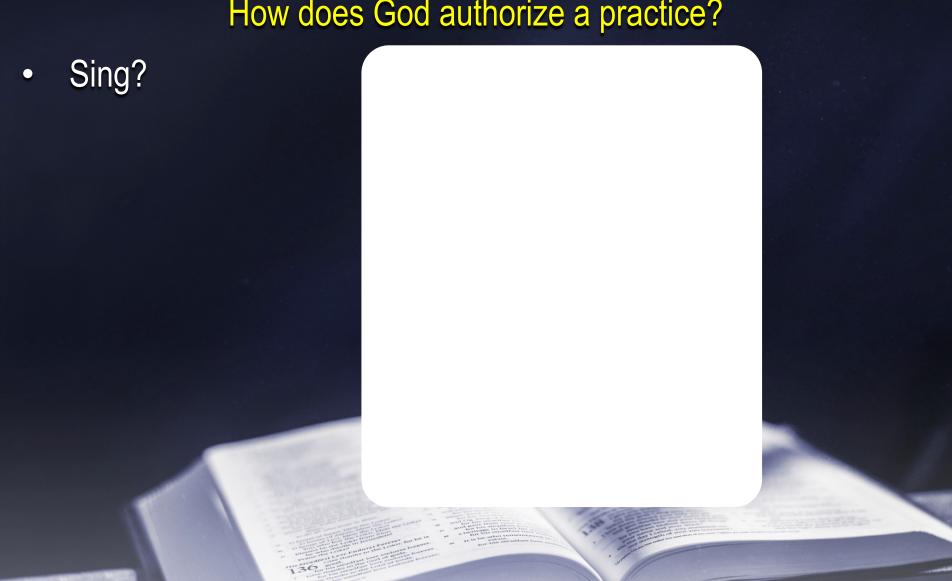
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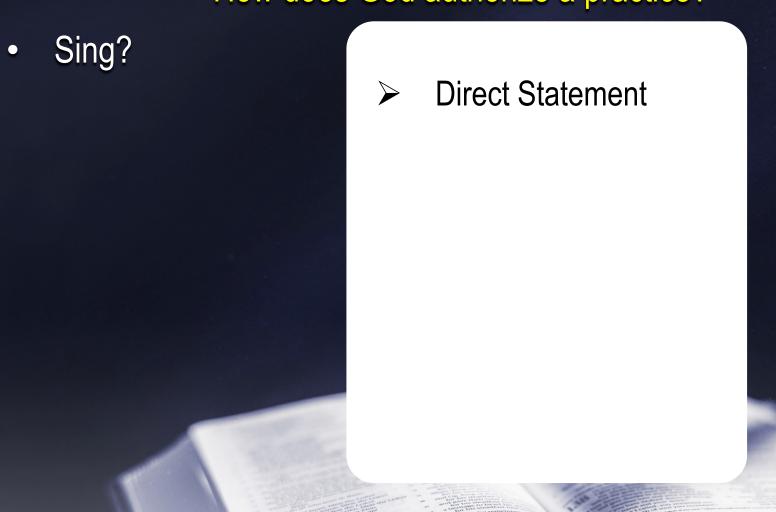
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