

# 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

- Lesson 1 Why Study Authority?
- Lesson 2 False Standards of Authority
- Lesson 3 Inspiration – Part 1
- Lesson 4 Inspiration – Part 2
- Lesson 5 How Does God Communicate With Us?
- Lesson 6 Wrong Attitudes About Bible Authority?
- Lesson 7 Establishing Bible Authority
- Lesson 8 Generic and Specific Authority
- Lesson 9 When is an Example Binding?
- **Lesson 10 Aids and Additions**



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“How can you be okay with these things and not a piano?”



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If these things are not authorized, then we should NOT have them!





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- Consider the example of Matthew 28:19.





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- This rejects the notion that the “the end justifies the means.”
- Just because something is effective, does not mean it is allowed!
- An expedient is never specified.



# Understanding Aids By Studying Bible Cases





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## Genesis 6:14

- What is authorized?
- What could aid Noah?
- What would be an addition?

- “Make for yourself an ark of gopher wood...”
- A hammer/saw/ax
- Lifeboat/Treehouse



# Understanding Aids By Studying Bible Cases

Numbers 19:2

- What is authorized?
- What could be an aid?
- What would be an addition?

- Unblemished red heifer
- Rope
- Bull Dog/Horse/Bear

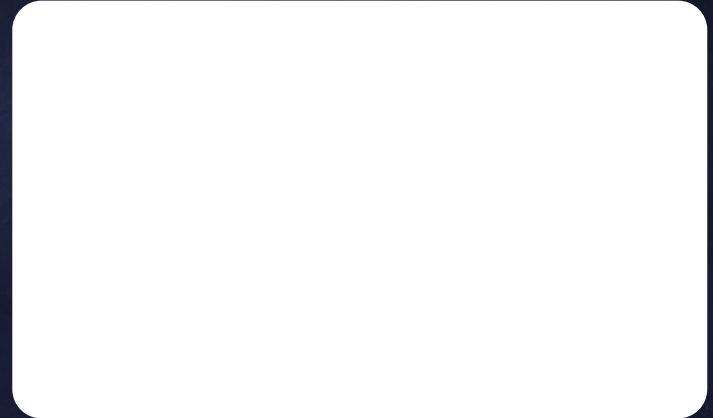




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Genesis 22:1-2

- What is authorized?
- What could be an aid?
- What would be an addition?



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Genesis 22:1-2

- What is authorized?
- What could be an aid?
- What would be an addition?

- Offering Isaac





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Genesis 22:1-2

- What is authorized?
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- What would be an addition?

- Offering Isaac
- Wood/Knife



# Understanding Aids By Studying Bible Cases

Genesis 22:1-2

- What is authorized?
- What could be an aid?
- What would be an addition?

- Offering Isaac
- Wood/Knife
- Anything other than Isaac

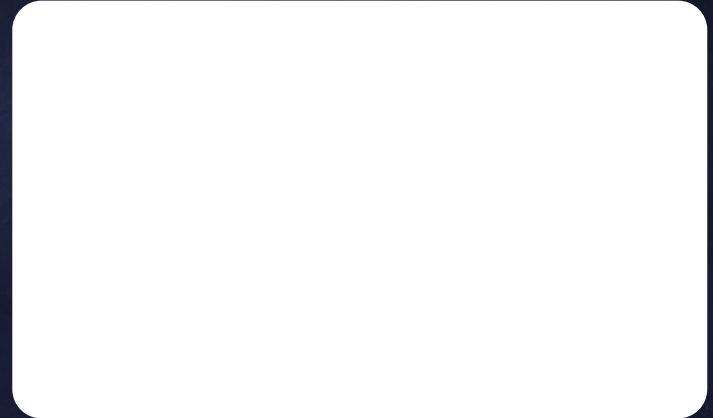




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Romans 6:4

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- Baptism
- Swimming Pool/Lake/  
River/Baptistry



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- Swimming Pool/Lake/  
River/Baptistry
- Sprinkling/Pouring





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Acts 20:7

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- Trays/Cups
- Peanut Butter and Jelly/Burgers/Pizza





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Colossians 3:16

- What is authorized?
- What could be an aid?
- What would be an addition?



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- What is authorized?
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- Singing





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- Song Books/ Slides



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- What would be an addition?

- Singing
- Song Books/ Slides
- Mechanical Instruments





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Hebrews 10:25

- What is authorized?
- What could be an aid?
- What would be an addition?



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Hebrews 10:25

- What is authorized?
- What could be an aid?
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- Assembling





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Hebrews 10:25

- What is authorized?
- What could be an aid?
- What would be an addition?

- Assembling
- Building/House/Hotel  
Room/Field



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- Assembling
- Building/House/Hotel  
Room/Field
- Sports Facility





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Matthew 28:19-20

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- What could be an aid?
- What would be an addition?



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Matthew 28:19-20

- What is authorized?
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- Teaching





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- Projector/White Board/  
Website/Social Media



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- Creed Book





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1 Corinthians 16:1-2

- What is authorized?
- What could be an aid?
- What would be an addition?



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## 1 Corinthians 16:1-2

- What is authorized?
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- Collection





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- Baskets/Trays/Zelle



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- Baskets/Trays/Zelle
- Bake Sale

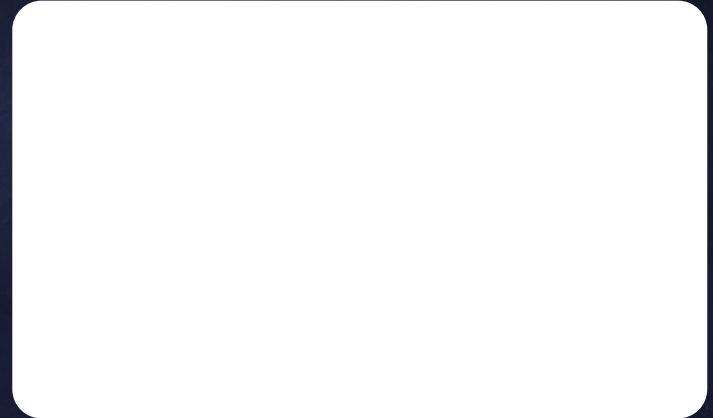




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1 Peter 5:1-2

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- **Oversee the Flock**





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## 1 Peter 5:1-2

- What is authorized?
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- Oversee the Flock
- Records



# Understanding Aids By Studying Bible Cases

## 1 Peter 5:1-2

- What is authorized?
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- Oversee the Flock
- Records
- Another Flock

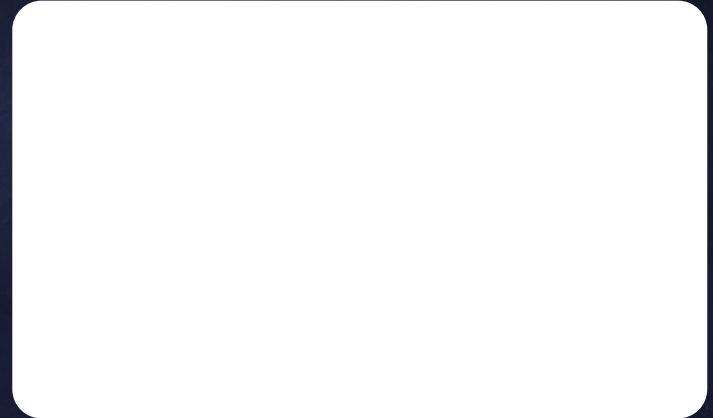




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Acts 11:29-30

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- Mailing/ Wiring



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- Benevolence to the World





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- The addition does not help us do what God commanded; rather, it adds to what God commanded.
- If we are using something without authority, we must stop! If a church is doing something without authority, that doesn't allow it to do other things without authority!

