# 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



#### Would this include...

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- Saluting one another with a holy kiss?



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- How can we determine what examples are binding, or incidental (insignificant to the thing at hand)?



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- Mark 16:15

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Some cases contain things that are merely incidental to the matter.