

## Jumping The Track On Authority

Paul wrote, "*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works*" (2 Timothy 3:16-17). We hopefully have been grounded in the fact that we go back to the Bible for our religious authority, but it is necessary every so often to issue reminders and warnings.

It is a remarkably simple process of transferring authority from the Bible to church. The Catholic church did it many centuries ago. The reasoning goes like this: The church of Christ is the Lord's church. The church of Christ is the one true church. Also, the church of Christ stands for the truth. Therefore, what the church of Christ teaches and practices is right in the sight of God.

Do you see how easy that was? Authority is transferred from the Bible to the church. The church is "*the pillar and ground of the truth*" (1 Timothy 3:15), but it only remains that way if the Bible is followed. No person should ever go to the church for religious authority; they should always go back to the New Testament. It is your responsibility to handle the scriptures properly when talking to your friends, and give the correct impression of Bible authority.

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