

# Things Most Surely Believed

## *“The Authority Of God’s Word”*

(Lesson Two)

- Introduction:
1. (Luke 1:1).
  2. Christianity is a religion established upon the basis of Jesus’ absolute authority (Matthew 28:18).
  3. Within the confines of Christianity, we are not free to do as we choose.
  4. Therefore, it becomes necessary to make sure we are doing only those things of which God approves.

### **I. The Need For Authority Has Been Challenged**

- A. There are some who are telling us that we no longer need a “Thus saith the Lord” for our practices.
- B. “As we approach a study of the New Testament, a fundamental assumption is that within it we find rules of faith and practice. However, does it necessarily follow that simply because the New Testament contain as rules of faith and practice, we should thereby treat it as though it were a rule book? I believe that such a conclusion cannot, and should not, necessarily follow.”
- C. “Are we really looking for a pattern? We have taken Acts and tried to make it a prison, a rigid pattern. I reject pattern theology...The Scripture is not a book of case law to be cited like a bunch of proof texts. I am not looking for a pattern, I am looking for a person.”
- D. “It is to this writer at least, evident in abundance that the principle of restoring a fixed pattern of a primitive Church church is divisive and not unitive.

### **II. Biblical Teaching Concerning Authority**

- A. (Colossians 3:17).
- B. (1 Corinthians 4:6).
- C. (2 John 9-11).
- D. (Genesis 6:22; 8:13-14) Noah illustrates well his respect for authority.

### **III. How Do We Ascertain What Is Or Is Not Authorized?**

- A. This is so fundamental to the Christian religion, but is very seldom understood.
- B. With a little effort and application, we can know what is and is not authorized by God.
- C. But it will require study and diligence (2 Timothy 2:15; Hebrews 11:6).

- Conclusion:
1. If we are to be found faithful, we must learn to do only those things that are authorized.