

## Religious Authority

Only two sources of authority exist in religion. Authority is “from heaven [Divine] or from men [human]” (Mat. 21:25). Human authorities consist of such things as the rulings of one man or a council/ convention of men, creed books, the majority vote of members, and personal conscience. Such sources constitute no standard at all, for they are all subjective, arising from the thoughts, desires, philosophies, and whims of men. Human authorities in religion produce doctrinal division and confusion and endorsement of such things as sexual immorality, drinking, and gambling.

Jeremiah stated the fallacy of reliance upon human religious authority: “O Jehovah, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps” (Jer. 10:23).

Right religion demands an objective standard, one that originates apart from human thinking, desires, and opinions. The Bible is verily that objective standard.

While approximately forty men were employed in its writing, they did not write their own philosophies and thoughts. They spoke “not in words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Spirit teacheth” (1 Cor. 2:13). The Bible came from men who “spake from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit” (2 Pet. 1:21).

The Bible is our Creator’s revelation of Himself and His will to His rational creation. Men could not know the will or the plan of God for us without the revelation of this mystery through the inspired men (1 Cor. 2:7-10). No one knows one thing about how to worship God so as to please Him apart from the New Testament. Apparently, many think that God is somehow obligated to accept whatever they choose to offer, but not so. We must worship Him “in spirit and in truth” (John 4:23-24), and only the Bible tells us how to do so. Jesus said that men who reject Bible doctrine for their own precepts worship in vain (Mat. 15:9).

Likewise, the New Testament is the only source of information on how God wants us to behave in our daily lives. The world is drowning in its own moral filth because so many people have rejected God and His will in favor of their own subjective, selfish lusts (Rom 1:21-32).

Without the Bible we would not know that we are sinners in need of salvation. Moreover, we would never have known of God’s gracious plan to save us had He not revealed it to us in His Word, the only source of this information.

### Schedule of Services:

**Greeting:** Mark

**Song Leader:** Dale

**Opening Hymn:**

257—Amazing Grace

**Opening Prayer:**

Robert

**Hymn:**

90—Into Our Hands

**Scripture Reading:**

Ryan

First Corinthians 2:6-12

**Hymn:**

301—He Loved Me So

**Lord’s Supper:**

Myron & Tom

**Hymn:**

459—The Gloryland Way

**Sermon:** Mark

**Invitation Hymn:**

600—Jesus Is Calling

**Closing Hymn:**

114—I Want to be a

Worker for the Lord

**Closing Prayer:** Ray

# PRAYER LIST

- \*Ryan was not feeling well last week.
- \*Pat is doing much better.
- \*Juanita and her family.
- \*Juanita's son was in the hospital recently.
- \*Dale's friend Zarna and her family.
- \*Larry and Ruth..
- \*Dale, his mother and his cousin Jayna and her family.
- \*Ray, Rebecca, and Steven.
- \*Our congregation
- \*Our Veterans
- \*Our Nation

# CALENDAR

- Mar. 14—b. Sara
- Mar. 15—b. Jackson
- Mar. 17—Bible Study 10 am  
Tom
- Mar. 17—Worship 11 am & 6 pm  
Speaker: Mark
- Mar. 17—b. Dorene
- Mar. 20—Bible Study 7 pm  
Rob
- Mar. 21—b. Mary
- Mar. 24—Bible Study 10 am  
Tom
- Mar. 24—Worship 11 am & 6 pm  
Speaker: Mark
- Mar. 25—b. Justin
- Mar. 27—Bible Study 7 pm  
Rob
- Mar. 31—Bible Study 10 am  
Tom
- Mar. 31—Worship 11 am & 6 pm  
Speaker: Mark

Answer to puzzle: we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

# Spiritual Wisdom

## First Corinthians 2:6-12

AMONG	BEFORE	COMING	CRUCIFIED
ENTERED	EXCEPT	GLORY	HEARD
HEART	HIDDEN	HOWEVER	KNOWN
KNOWS	MATURE	MYSTERY	NOTHING
ORDAINED	PREPARED	REVEALED	RULERS
SEARCHES	SPEAK	SPIRIT	THINGS
THOSE	THROUGH	WHICH	WISDOM
WOULD	WRITTEN		

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Ours is the age that is proud of machines that think and suspicious of men who try to. (H. Mumford Jones)

**SUNDAY: Bible Class — 10:00 am; Worship — 11:00 am; Evening — 6:00 pm**  
**Wednesday Evening — Postponed until Spring**  
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