

AUTHORITY IN RELIGION

Please read each scripture and answer the questions.

1. 2 Timothy 3:16 "All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness."

Q. How much of the scripture is the Word of God? _____

2. 2 Peter 1:20,21 "You must understand that no prophecy of scripture came about of private source, for prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were moved by the Holy Spirit".

Q. Did prophecy (teaching) of scripture come from man's will or did it come from the Holy Spirit? _____

3. Galatians 1:8-9 "But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, a gospel other than what you accepted, let him be eternally condemned!"

Q. What happens to a person who preaches a different gospel?

4. Revelation 22:18-19 "I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book. If anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book".

Q. Should we add anything to or take anything from the Bible?

5. Matthew 15:3,6,9 "Why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition...you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition...They worship me in vain, their teachings are but rules taught by men."

Q. Does God accept man's tradition as authority in religion?

6. John 12:48 Jesus said: "There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; that very word which I spoke will judge him in the last day."

Q. What will judge us in the last day? _____

7. 2 Corinthians 5:10 "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done in the body, whether good or bad."

Q. How many of us will come before the judgment seat of Christ?

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED

- 1. All scripture is from God.**
- 2. We must not add to, take from, or in any way change what the Bible says for us to do.**
- 3. We will be judged by the teachings of the Bible.**