

The Sum of Your Word is Truth

- I. Introduction
 - a. Review
 - i. Command
 - 1. Specific authority
 - 2. Generic Authority
 - ii. Example
 - 1. Specific
 - 2. Generic
 - iii. Necessary Inference
 - b.
- II. Is the Bible Incomplete or Complete? (If time permits)
 - a. Incomplete in that so many details are missing
 - i. Jn 20:30-31; Jn 21:25 – Many other things could be written
 - ii. History of Paul incomplete – 2 Cor. 11:23-27
 - iii. Hardly any details of the other apostles!
 - iv. Incomplete sermons – Acts 2:40
 - b. Complete in that all needed things are provided
 - i. 2 Pet. 1:3 All things that are needed are there.
- III. Scripture Modifying Scripture
 - a. Specific authority takes precedence over generic authority
 - i. Types of songs (Eph. 5:19)
 - 1. Sing command limits to song
 - 2. Psalm, hymns and spiritual songs further specifies/limits what we sing
 - ii. Specifics of ark limited the general command to build (Gen. 6:14-15)
 - 1. Build an ark was a generic command
 - 2. Many details were specified by additional commands
 - a. Challenge a comparison of detailed specifics being given for ark with detailed specifics being given in Ezek.
 - b. Examples do not limit Generic authority
 - i. Sung a hymn limits to just hymns? (Eph. 5:19; Mt. 26:30)
 - ii. No classes (Heb. 10:25; Acts 20:7)
 - c. One scripture can not be interpreted in such a way that it contradicts other scriptures
 - i. Satan put one Scripture at odds with another (Mt. 4:5-7)
 - ii. Can't steal a car to "Go" – Great Commission
 - iii. Do no work on the Sabbath (Ex. 31:15)
 - 1. But circumcision commanded (Jn. 7:22-23)

- iv. Elders exercise oversight over one local congregation (Acts 20:28; 1 Pet 5:1-4)
 - 1. Limits oversight
 - a. Cannot oversee more than one
 - b. Cannot oversee one other than where they work and worship
 - c. Cannot oversee anything other than a local congregation
 - 2. Missionary society
 - a. May address the command to go and teach
 - b. Violates so many other scriptures that it has no authority from God for its existence

IV. Conclusion

- a. Preaching is an exercise of putting together Scriptures related to a topic and explaining the relationships between them
- b. Anytime we want to know God's will on a subject, we need to read all that the Bible says on that topic, and use the principles of Bible authority to determine what our duty is to God
 - i. Concordances, topical dictionaries and other study tools can be very helpful
 - ii. Reading the NT through looking for passages related to your subject
- c. If you need help studying any Bible subject, ask for assistance! Many Christians here, me included, would be happy to study the Bible with you, or simply help you find the Scriptures that pertain to the subject you are interested in.
- d. Invitation