

# WHAT DETERMINES WHAT IS RIGHT IN RELIGION?

*We all recognize that there are standards in the world we live in: mathematical, chemical, grammatical, geographical, physical, legal, historical, medical, and political standards, without which we couldn't function. What about a standard in religion? What determines what is right or wrong, religiously? How do we know what we should or shouldn't do? How do we know what God commands, or condemns, or forbids? What determines what is right in religious matters?*

## IS IT THE WILL OF THE MAJORITY?

*NO!* The majority is often wrong!  
*Read Matthew 7:13-14; Exodus 23:2; Romans 8:31*  
The majority have been wrong over and over again!

## IS IT THE RELIGION OF OUR PARENTS?

*NO!* Even our parents could be wrong religiously.  
*Read Galatians 1:13-14; Acts 7:51*  
Our parents love us, but they are not God's standard.

## IS IT MAN'S CONSCIENCE or FEELING?

*NO!* Often what man thinks turn out not right!  
*Read Acts 26:9-11; 23:1; Proverbs 16:25*  
Man's conscience must be properly trained.

## IS IT THE THEORIES OF MEN?

*NO!* Often man's traditions & opinions are wrong!  
*Read Mark 7:7-9; Jeremiah 10:23*  
Man can be mistaken in his viewpoints.

## IS IT THE WORD OF GOD?

**YES!**

The Word of God is a reliable, authoritative standard by which we can live stand before God in the judgment!

In all things, God must be true! Thus we must insist upon "book, chapter, & verse" for all we do!

If we start with belief in God, and recognize God has revealed His will in His Word,  
then we must depend upon God's revelation! We must determine all things

by God's standard – His inspired, infallible Word!

*Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Acts 20:32; John 12:48; Romans 3:4;*

*1 Thessalonians 5:21; 2 John 9-11; Revelation 22:17-19*