

AUTHORITY IN RELIGION

2 Timothy 3: 16, 17

1. ALL Scripture is given by inspiration (*God-breathed*) of God
2. and is profitable for. . .
 - a. doctrine (teaching/ belief)
 - b. reproof (shows where wrong)
 - c. correction (shows how to be right)
 - d. instruction in righteousness
3. That the man of God may be perfect (*complete, mature*)
thoroughly furnished unto all good works

Matthew 17:1-5

1. Jesus, Peter, James, John go up into a high mountain.
2. Jesus is transfigured before them
 - a. His face did shine like the sun.
 - b. His raiment became as white as light.
 - c. Moses and Elijah appear, talking with him.
3. Peter's suggestion: "...let us make here three tabernacles'

*Cloud overshadowed them
Voice of God says,*

**"THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, IN WHOM I AM WELL PLEASSED
HEAR YE HIM."**

WHY LISTEN TO JESUS?

Hebrews 1:1, 2

1. God at sundry times (*past times*) and in divers manners (*different ways*)
2. Spake in times past unto the Fathers by the prophets
3. Hath in these last days spoken unto us

by His Son...

- a. whom he hath appointed heir of all things,
- b. by whom also he made the worlds.

NOTICE:

In the past God spoke to the fathers by prophets!

But now God speaks to mankind BY HIS SON!

Matthew 26:18-20

1. Jesus said unto the disciples'

"All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth..."

2. Go ye therefore and teach all nations

Baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Ghost

3. **Teaching** them to observe all things whatsoever **I have commanded** you!

Note: Jesus tells them to teach the world
ALL things that HE has said! Why?
Because God speaks by HIM!

How Many Churches Are There?

HOW MANY CHURCHES ARE THERE?

→ **ACCORDING TO MEN** ... There are hundreds splintered into thousands of branches

→ **ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE** ... There is ONE CHURCH!

- The church is His (Christ's body).
Ephesians 1:18-19 - "And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the Church, which is His body ..."

→ The Church is the Body . . . And the Body is the Church.
Colossians 1:18 - "And He is the head of the body, the church . . ."
Colossians 1:24 - " . . . For the sake of His body, which is the church."

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- There are as many bodies as there are churches. There are as many churches as there are bodies. Thus, How many are there?
- Answer: Ephesians 4:4 - "There is one body . . ."

→ Since the church is the body and the body is the church, and since the Bible says there is "one body," the rightful conclusion is that there is **ONE CHURCH!**

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John 12:48

1. He that rejeceth me, and receiveth not my words
2. Hath one that judgeth him
3. The word that I have spoken.

the same shall judge him in the last day.

WHY LISTEN TO JESUS:

1. Because God the Father has commanded it.
2. Because God speaks to us today by Jesus.
3. Because Jesus commanded that what He has said be taught
4. Because He has all power.
5. Because He is the Head of the church.
6. Because His word will judge at the last day.