

# "It Is Not Necessary To Have Bible Authority"

Some have declared that we do not need scriptural authority for our practices, yet Peter states "if any man speaketh, [speaking] as it were oracles of God; is any man ministereth, [ministering] as of the strength which God supplieth: that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, whose is the glory and the dominion for ever and ever. Amen.(1Peter 4:11) Some brethren are saying the Bible based plea, "Back to the Bible," has out lived it's usefulness and that we need to restructure the church to fit the needs of the 20th century man. Is there a pattern for the church that is still binding or should the church be changed? Does not the Inspired Word reveal to us that it is the only safe pattern. 1Tim.4:15--Be diligent in these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy progress may be manifest unto all. 16 Take heed to thyself, and to thy teaching. Continue in these things; for in doing this thou shalt save both thyself and them that hear thee. and 2Tim.3:15-17--And that from a babe thou hast known the sacred writings which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 Every scripture inspired of God [is] also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness. 17 That the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work.

Beloved, when man departs from God's ways he will always find those who are weak in the faith to follow. Let me give you just one example, Instrumental Music. God's Word states: Eph.5:19--speaking one to another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; This passage is simple and very basic, "speaking", "singing", ""making melody with your heart". How simple! All the major denominations understood this at first, but man wanted a change! This was not a problem for hundreds of years. The conservative in each denomination battled against it. But as Israel of old with it's altars in the high places, man had a preference. They lost the fear of God...