

## Chapter 2

Many today attempt to authorize religious practices today by using the Old Testament for authority and examples. The Old Testament was designed to be temporary and to fulfill a specific purpose. A school master to bring us to Christ. Galatians 3:24–25 *“Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.”*

As a binding covenant the Old Testament has been replaced by the New Testament.

Romans 7:4–6

*<sup>4</sup> Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another—to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God. <sup>5</sup> For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to bear fruit to death. <sup>6</sup> But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter.*

Two main types of authority:

1. “General, opposite to specific” (Webster). This type includes all the methods used for doing the thing under consideration.

Generic authority authorizes everything in a general realm therefore a thing **does not have to be mentioned in the scripture to be authorized. IF GENERAL AUTHORITY IS USED! However one must understand and apply “SPECIFIC” authority when it is given.** In other words general authority cannot and should not over rule specific authority.

2. Specific means “precisely formulated or restricted: EXPLICIT. (Webster)

“Specific” authorizes that which is specified and makes all other things in that general realm **unauthorized.**

Specific commands limit the things we can and cannot practice. The more specific set of instruction’s limits us to what we are authorized to practice.



Chart: TIL Workbook Mark Mayberry, p 11

The type of authority will be determined by one of three means.

1. Direct Statement
2. Example that was approved by prior action.
3. Inference.

Discuss the building of the ark.

Direct. BUILD

Direct. THE TYPE OF WOOD USED. Did God Tell Noah what type of wood NOT to use.

Example. NOAH building the Ark.

Inference. It was a boat that would float, (Thus saving those inside from the danger of Drowning.

Discuss the Great Commission.

Matt 28:18-20

GO

TEACH

Ways or Methods of going and teaching.

Is what to teach stated? Did GOD tell us NOT TO TEACH some words or other actions.

Can the Church teach, Math, Science, Language arts. If so by what authority.

LIST 3 more Example from the Bible on the use of Generic and Specific Authority.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

When the Bible is specific on any matter, God has excluded all other ways and methods.

We must follow God's revealed word without man's wisdom or teachings. We must speak and act according to the Bible otherwise, we must leave it alone.

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Generic</b>	<b>Therefore</b>	<b>Specific</b>	<b>Therefore</b>
<b>Instruction</b>	<b>Aspect</b>	<b>Allows</b>	<b>Aspect</b>	<b>Excludes</b>
Wood (for ark)	wood	any wood, from any kind of tree	wood	oak, elm, etc.
Gopher wood	gopher	any gopher tree, any size, from anywhere	gopher	oak, elm, etc.
Sacrifice				
Animal sacrifice				
Lamb sacrifice				
Go (into all the world)				
Teach				
Teach the gospel				
Eat				
Eat bread				
Drink				
Drink the cup				
Sing				

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We must understand there is a difference between the Old and New Testament. The New Testament is the rule of authority for us today. While the Old Testament is there for our leaning

Romans 10:1–5 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. <sup>2</sup> For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. <sup>3</sup> For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. <sup>4</sup> For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. <sup>5</sup> For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "*The man who does those things shall live by them.*"

Romans 15:4 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

Christ is the authority over the New Testament Church.

Colossians 1:15–20 (NKJV)

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup> For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. <sup>17</sup> And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. <sup>18</sup> And **He is the head of the body, the church**, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. <sup>19</sup> For it pleased *the Father* that in Him all the fullness should dwell, <sup>20</sup> and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

Ephesians 4:11–16 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; <sup>14</sup> that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, <sup>15</sup> **but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—**<sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.