Authority for Christianity - A Study Guide

Introduction:

Matthew 21:23 - What two questions did these ask regarding Jesus' teaching? (1)
Authority (exousia) "The power of one whose will and commands must be obeyed by others (Vines). The lawful right to make decisions, teach, and to act."
All systems operate under some authority - businesses, schools, home, church.
euteronomy 4:2 - In the Old Testament, what two things were people forbidden to do? (1)
Our Need for Authority in Our Lives
Jeremiah 10:23 - Why do people need authority for their lives?
Proverbs 14:12 - Is it safe to follow a way that just seems or feels right?
Isaiah 55:8-9 - With our own mind, can we think as God thinks?
Matthew 7:22-23 - Is it possible to believe we are saved and yet not be saved?
Matthew 7:21 - What must we do to please God?
Danger of Following the Wrong Authority
Matthew 15:9 - What does following the doctrines of men make our worship?
Matthew 15:12-14 - What kind of leaders were the Pharisees?
What is the result of following blind leaders?
2 Timothy 4:2-4 - Some will not endure what?
Romans 16:17 - What are we to do about contrary doctrines?
Romans 16:18 - Why should we avoid other doctrines?

7. Galatians 1:6-7 - What will some pervert?
8. Galatians 1:8-9 - How many true gospels are there?
9. 2 Corinthians 11:13-15 - These false prophets were what?
10. Satan is transformed as what?
11. Does Satan have ministers?
12. How do they appear?
13. How can we know the difference?
14. 2 Thessalonians 2:9-10 - From what do Satan's ministers deceive people?
15. I Timothy 4:1 - Some will depart from what?
16. And give heed to what?
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How is His Authority Delegated to Us Today?

Some claim God speaks directly to them today. Others claim He reveals things to them in dreams or by visions. Others claim He guides them through their feelings, etc. How can we know how God makes His will known to us today?

1. Hebrews 1:1-2 - How has God spoken in these last days?
2. Acts 1:1-2 - Through whom did Christ give His commandments?
3. To whom did Christ give His commandments?
4. John 14:26 - What would the Spirit do to the apostles?
5. John 16:13 - Into what would the Spirit guide the apostles?
6. Galatians 1:11-12 - How did the apostle Paul receive the gospel?
7. Ephesians 3:1-5 - God revealed His message to the apostles by what?
8. Acts 20:27 - How much of God's counsel did Paul declare?
9. Ephesians 3:2-4 - What did Paul do with that which was revealed to him?
10. I Corinthians 14:37 - What did Paul say he wrote?
11. 2 Peter 1:3 - Have all things pertaining to life and godliness been given?
12. How were they given?
13. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 - For what are the scriptures profitable?
14.Do the scriptures completely furnish us with all we need to know and do to serve and please God
15.I Peter 4:11 - How are we to speak today?

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