

Biblical Authority

A teaching on 2 Timothy 3:14-17

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What is at stake?

Man's most important question
How do we know anything at all?
HE is not silent; He has and is revealing Himself

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What is the meaning of Biblical authority?

It is about the source of the Word
It is about the trustworthiness and truthfulness of the Word
It is about the sufficiency of the Word

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What is the state of Biblical authority?

In the culture?
In the church
Jeremiah 5:30-31 " An astounding and horrible thing has been committed in the land: the prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests rule on their own authority, and my people love to have it so. But what will you do in the end?"

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A couple of examples:

My assignment at a large evangelical church
The Pew forum on Religion and Public Life (2017)
70% of all Americans believe many religions lead to eternal life
45% of evangelicals clearly affirm that a personal relationship to Christ
is essential to having eternal life

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Let this sink in:

55-60% do NOT consider Jesus being the only way to God
35% said Islam also leads to God
33% said Hinduism leads to God
26% said atheism leads to God

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Already Gone

1000 20 somethings who have left the church, the majority growing up in Sunday School:

More like to not believe the Bible is true, believe it is a man made book, more likely to defend abortion, more likely to believe in evolution, more likely to see the church as hypocritical and most likely to persist as anti church

Already Compromised

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The Exposition of 2 Timothy 3:14-17

God is the source of this book

It is the vox Dei "voice of God"

It is the verbum Dei "word of God"

It is wisdom that leads to salvation

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It is teaching that leads to righteousness

It is profitable and sufficient

It teaches

It reproves

It corrects

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Conclusion:

R. Albert Mohler, He is Not Silent

A Pastoral Application

A closing blessing

And thank you for the high honor of presenting HIS word

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