

## Foundations Of Authority Genesis 1:1-5

### Organization - Authority

Start series of lessons on organization of Church. Not one after another, span a few months

Consider not only overall organization - Look at each element of that organization

Must first establish a foundation

How can we know what organization is right? By what authority can we speak?

### Authority Begins With God

*Genesis 1:1-5; 1Corinthians 15:27-28*

### Given To Christ

Lawgiver

*Hebrews 1:1-3; Acts 3:22-26*

All authority

*Matthew 28:18*

Head

*Ephesians 1:22-23*

King

*Acts 2:36; 1Timothy 6:15*

Forbidden to go beyond

*2John 9*

### Apostles Given Authority By Christ

*Matthew 16:19; Matthew 18:18-19*

Receive His Words

*John 14:25-26; John 16:13-15*

Spokesmen

*Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8*

Pattern

*Philippians 3:17; Philippians 4:9; 1Corinthians 4:16-17*

Directions

*Galatians 1:6-9; 1Corinthians 14:37*

### New Testament Written By Authorized Men

*2Peter 1:12-21; 1John 1:3-4*

Sufficient

*2Timothy 3:16-17; 2Peter 1:3*

Complete

*Revelation 22:18-19*

Final

*Jude 3; John 12:48-50*

### Human Authority Vain

*Matthew 15:7-9*