

Is It Necessary?

□ Consider these passages:

■ Matt. 7:21-23

- "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven *will enter*.
 - 22 "Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?'
 - 23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'"
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Consider these passages:

■ Lk. 6:46

"Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,'
and do not do what I say?"

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□ Consider these passages:

■ Gal. 1:6-9

- 6 I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel,
7 which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ.
8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.
9 As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.
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Consider these passages:

1 Tim. 4:16

- Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.
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Consider these passages:

2 Jno. 9-10

Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.

10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him;

The Churches' Authority is

- NOT Found in Itself**
 - NOT Found in Elders**
 - **They do have authority**
 - Elders are to oversee the congregation (Acts 20:28)**
 - Members of the body are to submit (Heb. 13:17)**
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Elders Don't Have Authority To:

- Make laws (Jas. 4:12)**
 - Lord over the flock (1 Pet. 5:4)**
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The Churches' Authority is

- ❑ **NOT Found in Man**
 - **Worship in vain (Matt. 15:9)**
 - **Cain & Abel (Heb. 11:4 cf. Rom. 10:17)**
 - **King Saul (1 Sam. 13:5-14)**
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The Churches' Authority is

- NOT in the law given to Moses**
 - A tutor to bring them to Christ (Gal. 3:24)**
 - Pointed to Christ (Rom. 10:4)**
 - Nailed to the cross (Gal. 2:14)**
 - Can't be justified by it (Gal. 2:21; 5:4)**
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Purpose of the O.T. Law

- Provides evidence for the deity of Christ (Jno. 5:39)
 - Learn from it (Rom. 15:4)
 - Gives hope (Rom. 15:4; Heb. 11)
 - Warns (Heb. 10:26-31; 1 Cor. 10:1-12)
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