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- Authority for religion is not found in:
  - Conventions. *James 4:12*
  - Human wisdom. *1 Cor. 1:18-21; Matt. 15:8-9*
  - Creeds. *Phil. 3:16; 1 Cor. 1:10*
  - Preachers. *Jer. 10:23*
  - The Old Testament law. *Luke 16:16; Col. 2:14*

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- What is the source of authority in religion?
  - God, the source of all truth.  
*John 17:17; James 1:17-18; Rom. 3:4*
  - He has bestowed all authority upon His Son, Jesus. *Matt. 28:18; Heb. 1:1-2*
    - He is the lawgiver. *John 12:48; Acts 3:22-23*
    - He is the head of the church. *Eph. 1:20-23*

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- What is the source of authority in religion?
  - Jesus delegated authority to his apostles.  
*John 17:18; 14:26; Matt. 10:40; 1 John 4:6*
  - The apostles wrote down their doctrine in what we called today the New Testament.  
*2 Pet. 3:1-2; 1 Cor. 14:37; Eph. 3:3-5*

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- God's word is all sufficient for:
  - All things pertaining to life and godliness.  
**2 Pet. 1:3**
  - All truth. ***John 16:13***
  - The salvation of man's soul.  
***Rom. 1:16; James 1:21***
  - Building us up and giving us an inheritance.  
***Acts 20:32***

# STEPS OF SALVATION:

FROM **SINNER** TO **SAVED**

