

# What is The Bible? Part I: Authority

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The AIR we  
breathe...

Authority  
Inspiration  
Revelation

# What is Authority?

- ◆ The power to decide
- ◆ Can be grabbed
  - ◆ Force
  - ◆ Wealth
- ◆ Magna Carta
- ◆ Comes from God –  
Romans 13:1

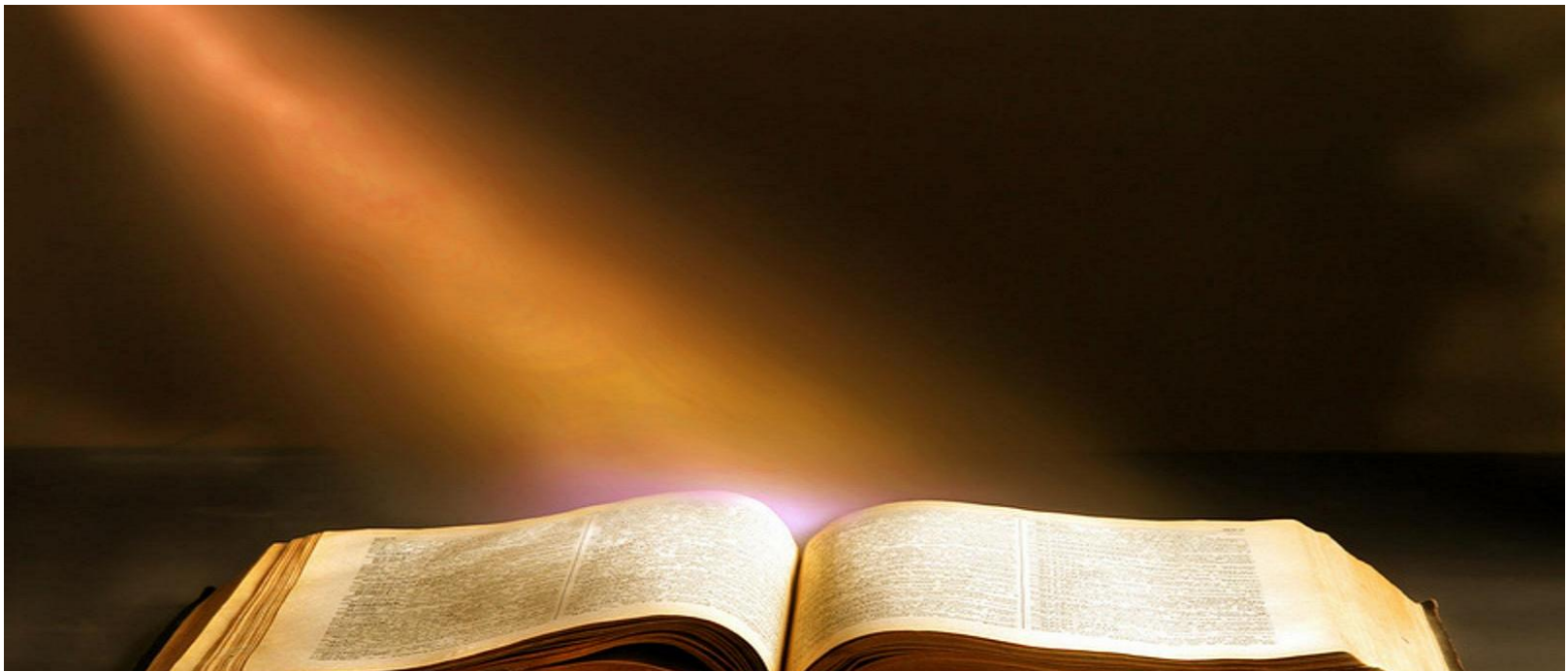


# Why Have Any Authority?

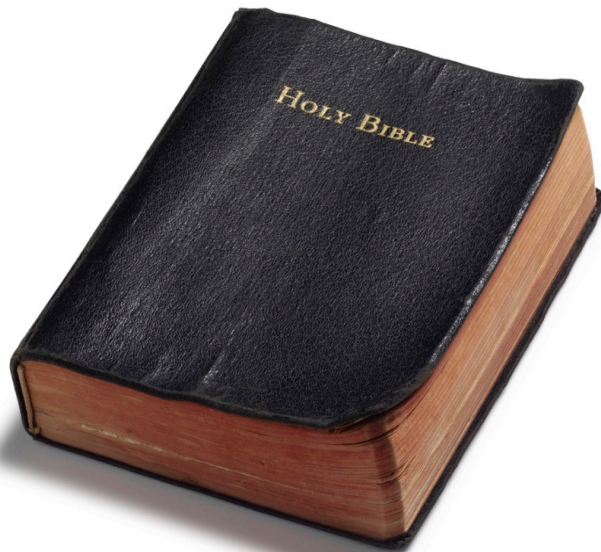


- Everyone does what is right in his own eyes...  
Judges 17:6
- No authority leads to
  - Division
  - Anarchy
- To learn from our past
- A solid foundation upon which to build

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We believe in the divine inspiration and supreme authority of the Old and New Testament Scriptures, which are the written Word of God—fully trustworthy for faith and conduct

# What's It Not For?

- ◆ To end conversation!
- ◆ Scientific authority
- ◆ Historical authority
- ◆ 2 Timothy 3:14-16





# The Bible has authority to...

- ◆ Reveal God
- ◆ Explain His mission
- ◆ Shape us! (who we are)
  - ◆ To help us be like Jesus
- ◆ Direct us (what we do)
  - ◆ Help us work with Him