Silence And Authority

**Reading - 2 Peter 1:12-21**

**" Where the Bible speaks we speak; Where the Bible is silent, we are silent."**

***(1 Peter 4:11) If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God.***

***(Colossians 3:17) And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of*** [the authority of] ***the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.***

The Bible is God's Miracle Book.

1. It is miraculous in its origin -- coming to us by divine inspiration.
2. It is miraculous in its durability -- outlasting the opposition of its critics and surviving the attempts of its enemies to exterminate it.
3. It is miraculous in its results -- transforming the lives of those who read and believe it.
4. It is miraculous in its harmony -- agreeing in all its parts, even though written over a period of 1600 years by about 40 different authors.
5. It is miraculous in its preservation -- maintaining its accuracy and reliability down through the centuries.

How far can we take the silence of the Scriptures?

**The Importance of Authority**

God is over all ***(Ephesians 4:4-6) There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; {5} one Lord, one faith, one baptism; {6} one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.***

***(1 Corinthians 11:3) But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.***

***(1 Corinthians 15:27) For "He has put all things under His feet." But when He says "all things are put under Him," it is evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted.***

God gave this authority to the Son ***(Matthew 28:18) And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.***

How is Authority established?

1. By a ***(Genesis 1:1) In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.***

2. By a **(Acts 2:38).**

3. By ***(Acts 14:23) So when they had appointed elders in every church, and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.***

4. By ***(Matthew 3:16) When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water...***

Authority may be or .

***(Ephesians 5:19) speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,***

In regards to Institutionalism God has specified that the local church do its own work under the elders of the local church ***(Acts 14:23) So when they had appointed elders in every church, and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.***

***(1 Peter 5:1-2) The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: {2} Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly***.

**BINDING AND LOOSING.**

All of the apostles were given binding and loosing power. ***(Matthew 16:19) "And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."***

***(Matthew 18:18) "Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.***

They were to bind only that which had been already bound and loose only that which God had loosed. ***(Psalms 119:89) Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven… (Galatians 1:11-12) But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. {12} For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.***

***(Acts 4:20) "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."***

**COMMANDMENTS AND NO COMMANDMENTS.**

***(Acts 15:24) Since we have heard that some who went out from us have troubled you with words, unsettling your souls, saying, "You must be circumcised and keep the law"; to whom we gave no such commandment***

Nadab and Abihu operated in the realm of no commandments. ***(Leviticus 10:1-2) Then Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it, put incense on it, and offered profane fire before the LORD, which He had not commanded them. {2} So fire went out from the LORD and devoured them, and they died before the LORD.***

**THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SILENCE OF THE SCRIPTURES.**

***(Hebrews 7:14) For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood.***

Silence on a Bible subject does not give one the right to . ***(Deuteronomy 18:20) 'But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.'***

***(Psalms 19:13) Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; Let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, And I shall be innocent of great transgression.***

***(2 Peter 2:10) and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority. They are presumptuous, self-willed.***

People argue that if the Bible doesn’t explicitly say “no” to do a thing, then we can do it.

**CONSEQUENCES OF this DOCTRINE.**

 to every innovation known to man.

Would bring into the worship .

Ignores God's law of . ***(John 4:23-24) "But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. {24} "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."***