

# “From Heaven or From Men?”

“The baptism of John — where was it from? From heaven or from men?”

• Matthew 21:25

In Matthew 21:25, Jesus identified the **ONLY TWO SOURCES OF RELIGIOUS AUTHORITY**:

1. That which comes from **HEAVEN** . . . and **IS ACCEPTABLE** to God.
2. That which comes from **MEN** . . . and is **NOT ACCEPTABLE** to God.



Established by Men

Built on Whims and Vanity  
of Capricious Men

No Blood Shed for Them

Headed by Pope, Councils,  
or Conferences

Members Voted in by Men

Exalt Traditions & Dogmas

Preach Catechism, Manual,  
or Other Creeds

“Shall Be Rooted Up”  
Matthew 15:13

## HOW MEN ENTER

- “Faith Only”
- “Pray Through”
- “Just Raise Hands”
- “Voted Into the Church”
- “Join the Church of  
Your Choice”

**BAPTISM** →

Acts 2:38 • Galatians 3:27

**REPENTANCE** →

Luke 13:3, 5 • Acts 3:19

**FAITH** →

John 8:24 • Hebrews 11:6

Built By Jesus Christ

Matthew 16:18

Christ Gave Himself for It

Ephesians 5:25

Purchased By Christ’s Blood

Acts 20:28

Jesus Christ is it’s Head

Ephesians 1:22-23

Lord Adds the Saved to It

Acts 2:47

Gospel Preached & Exalted

Acts 8:5, 12 • 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Pillar and Ground of Truth

1 Timothy 3:15

Jesus Christ is It’s Savior

Ephesians 5:23

**ALWAYS ASK . . . ALWAYS KNOW . . . WHETHER A MATTER IS FROM HEAVEN OR FROM MEN**