



MISSION

*"Go Therefore and Make Disciples..."*

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# Why is Congregational Authority helpful?

1) It is biblical...

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel-- not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed.

As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.

Galatians 1:6-9

# ACTS 6:1-4

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# ACTS 15:22-29

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Ephesians 2:19-22

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves *like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*

1 Peter 2:4-5



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- 1) It is biblical...
- 2) It helps us to be led by the Holy Spirit
- 3) It reinforces that we are better together than apart.
- 4) It protects us...

# Congregational Authority

## Protects Us...

- 1) from potentially abusive leadership
- 2) from abusing one another
- 3) from wolves gaining influence
- 4) from ourselves



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