

# The Authority of Silence

There are times when God's silence is a bold expression of His will. Today we want to learn why we should listen to the silence of God. But first let's notice three attitudes people have toward the Bible.

1. "We must conform to Scripture and church tradition".
2. "We can do anything the Scripture does not forbid".
3. "We can do only those things the Scripture authorizes".

## Why Do Only What God Has Authorized In Scripture?

1. **Faith Requires It** (Heb 11:7, 8, 17, 29, 30; Rom 10:17). To put your faith in God, you must do what He tells you to do.
2. **Love Requires It** (John 14:15, 21, 23-24). It takes great love for God to love the things He loves more than the things we might love (Isa 55:6-11).
3. **Fear Requires It** (Heb 12:25-28). God has proven that He will punished even His people for transgressing His Law (Heb 10:26-31).
4. **Unity Requires It** (John 17:11, 20-22; 1 Cor 1:10; Phil 1:27; 2:1-4; 3:16). Unity in Christ is maintained when we limit ourselves to the Scriptures.
5. **God's Inspired Word Requires It** (Col 3:17). To do something in the name of the Lord Jesus is to act on His authority. Our authority comes from His teaching and that of the apostles in the New Testament (2 John 9, cf. 1, 4-6; John 15:10; 14:23).

Doing only what is authorized by God includes respecting His authority to take no action when His word is silent on a matter (1 Cor 4:6).

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