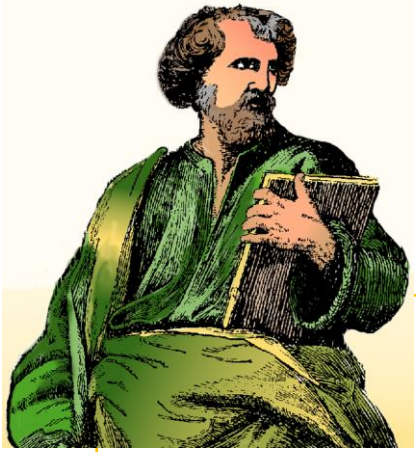




# The Early Church and the Word

# Jesus Christ Was Recognized As Head Of The Church



Peter said that Jesus was Lord – *Acts 2:36 (p 1254)*

*“Ownership and authority”*

Church built upon foundation of authority

*Matthew 16:15-18 (p 1131)*

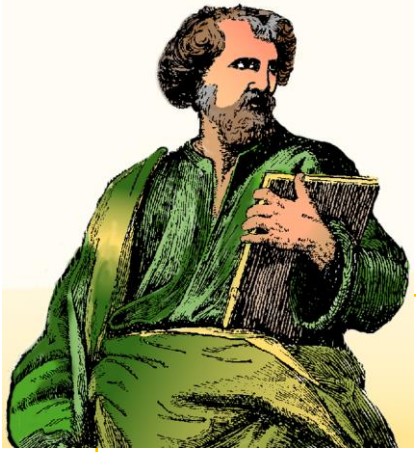
Jesus is the **HEAD** of the body – the church

*Ephesians 1:22-23 (p 1343); Colossians 1:18 (p 1353)*

Jesus has **ALL** authority *Matthew 28:18-20 (p 1150)*



# The Apostles Were Ambassadors Of Christ



Representative; Envoy; Emissaries

The apostles **SPOKE** for Jesus

*2 Corinthians 5:20 (p 1330)*

To **REJECT** the apostles is to reject Jesus and the Father

*Luke 10:16 (p 1195)*

To **RECEIVE** the apostles is to receive Jesus and the Father

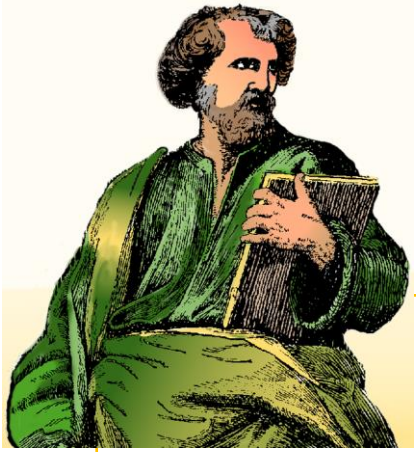
*John 13:20 (p 1241)*

Word of God given to the apostles: *John 17:8, 14 (p 1245)*





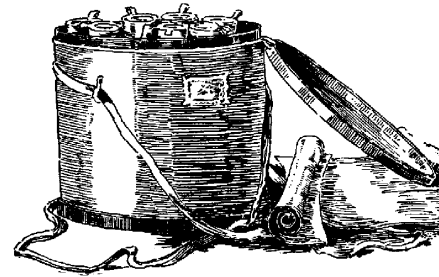
# The Written And Spoken Word Was Considered Authoritative



*“The Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms”*

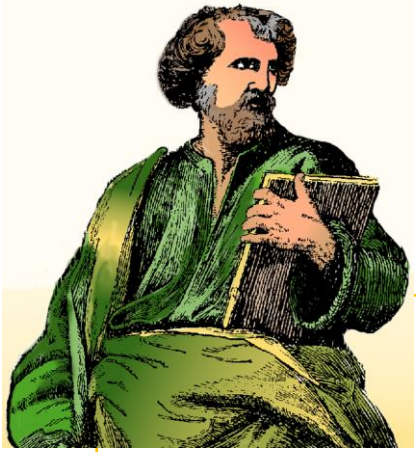
*Luke 24:44 (p 1219)*

Generally accepted chronological order of NT.



- ✓ James (44) Galatians (48)
- ✓ Matthew, 1&2 Thess., 1&2 Cor. Romans, Luke in the '50s
- ✓ Colossians, Philemon, Ephesians, Philippians in the early '60s
- ✓ Acts (64), 1 Timothy, 1 Peter, Titus, 2 Peter, 2 Timothy, Mark, Hebrews and possibly the Revelation in the late '60s
- ✓ Jude, John and epistles of John (85-90)

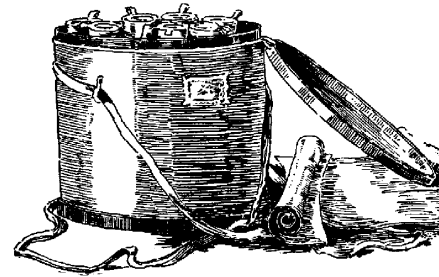
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Paul said the scriptures were the divine word of God

*2 Timothy 3:16-17 (p 1368)*

- : Inerrant without error
- : Complete no need of other revelations
- : Sufficient gives man everything he needs

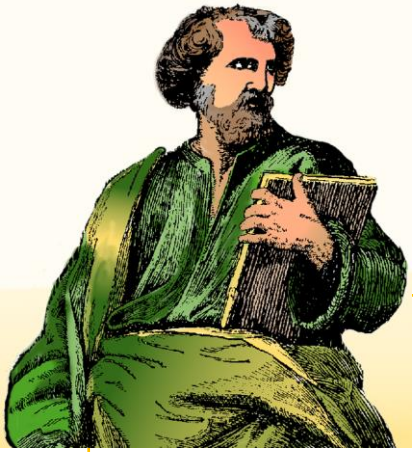


One faith is based on how the word was revealed

*Ephesians 4:5 (p 1345)* comes from *Ephesians 3:1-5 (p 1344)*

“Once delivered to the saints” *Jude 3 (p 1405)*

# The Early Church Distinguished Between The Old And New Covenants



Paul preached Moses was no longer the authority

*Acts 28:23, 31; 21:21 (pp 1292, 1282)*

Covenant of Christ replaced the Law of Moses

*Ephesians 2:14-15 (p 1344) Acts 15 (p 1272)*

Several books of the New Testament are devoted to this question

*Romans, Galatians, and Hebrews*

The disciples respected the old scriptures and believed in them

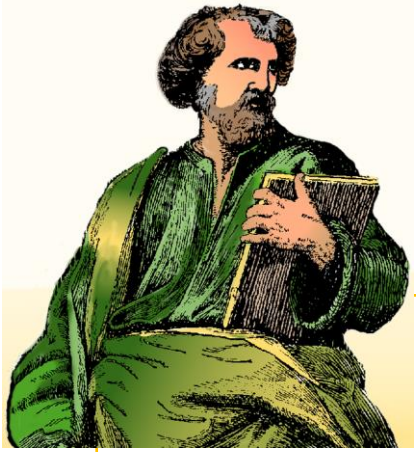
*Romans 15:4 (p 1308) 2 Peter 3:5-6 (p 1325)*



Hebrew Manuscript



# Uniformity Of Doctrine In The Early Church



The SAME doctrine was taught in all the churches

Timothy "will remind you of my ways which are in Christ, just as I teach everywhere in every church"

*1 Corinthians 4:17 (p 1313)*

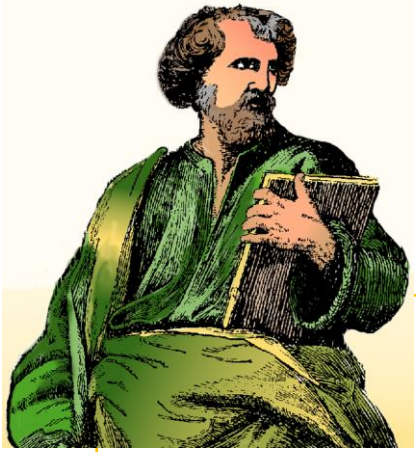
What he taught in Corinth he taught everywhere

*1 Corinthians 7:17 (p 1315)*

*1 Corinthians 16:1 (p 1325)*

**UNIFORMITY OF DOCTRINE  
SHOULD RESULT IN  
UNIFORMITY OF PRACTICE.**

# Solutions To Problems Were Found In The Teachings Of Jesus Christ

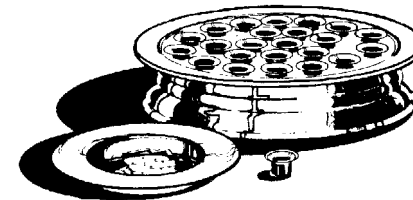


The church at Corinth had problems!

How did Paul address those problems?

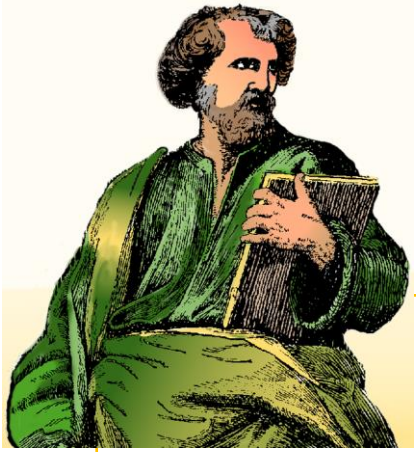
He referred to the teaching of Jesus and the apostles

- **Marriage:** *1 Corinthians 7:10-11 (p 1315)*  
*Mark 10:9 (p 1165), Matthew 29:6 (p 1134)*
- **Lord's Supper:** *1 Corinthians 11:22-25 (p 1320)*  
*Matthew 26:26-29 (p 1145)*





# The Early Church Knew That Silence Does Not Give Permission



The silence of God is not permissive but prohibitive

The oracles of God *1 Peter 4:11 (p 1393)*

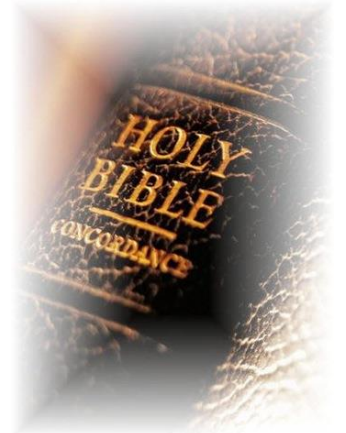
Do not presume to speak for God

*Hebrews 1:5 (p 1373)*

No instructions, no right to speak *Acts 15:24 (p 1273)*

Saints were urged not to exceed what was **WRITTEN**

*1 Corinthians 4:6 (p 1313)*



**The early church was  
taught to respect and  
obey the authoritative  
word of God**





**Every word of God is pure;  
He is a shield to those who  
put their trust in Him. Do  
not add to His words, lest  
He rebuke you, and you be  
found a liar.**

***(Proverbs 30:5-6)***

