

Heights Worship Center International Ministries
Statement of Final Authority for Matters of Faith and Conduct
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Introduction

Heights Worship Center International Ministries (HWCIM) in Hacienda Heights, California, states the following regarding final authority for matters of faith and conduct.

We believe the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments, are verbally inspired of God and are the revelation of God to man, the infallible, authoritative rule of faith and conduct. [2 Timothy 3:15-17, 1 Thessalonians 2:13, 2 Peter 1:21]

We understand authority to mean that everything the Bible affirms and teaches is true. As God's disclosed will and purpose, it is determinative for belief and behavior. Therefore, the affirmation that the Bible is the "authoritative rule of faith and conduct" is understood to call for accepting the Scriptures as the final and unchanging authority for doctrine and ethics.

God has inspired the Biblical writers by the Holy Spirit and in that process have been given for our direction and guidance texts that are fully reliable to guide us to salvation, worship, and service. The Scriptures define the believer's worldview, morality, and ethics. Moreover, the Scriptures are not simply one authority among others; they are the final authority. In addition, the final human interpretation will reside with the Pastoral team and elected Board members.

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