“Knowing of Whom You Have Learned Them”
2 Tim. 3:13-14

Introduction:
A. Important that Timothy know the source of his religious beliefs (v. 14)
   1. Because of imposters (v. 13).
   2. Timothy had learned from inspired sources.
      a. Had been taught Scriptures from childhood (v. 15-17; 1:5).
      b. Had been taught by inspired apostle. (1:13; 3:10).
B. Important that we do not rely on poor sources and assurances.
   1. “I just know it.”
   2. “We have always done it.”
   3. “Blank thinks it this way.”
   4. “What difference does it make, so long as I am sincere?”
C. Important that we ask ourselves: “From whom did we learn my beliefs about religious subjects?”

Discussion:
II. Salvation.
A. By faith only?
B. By direct operation of Holy Spirit?
C. By faith, repentance, confession and baptism? (Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; Rom. 10:10; Acts 8:36-38)
D. Salvation and the church? Church does not save, it is the saved. (Acts 2:47; Eph. 5:23).

III. The Church.
A. Its origin?
   1. N. T. Church began on Pentecost. (Matt. 16:18; Mark 9:1; Acts 1:8; Acts 2:47).
   2. N. T. Church began no other time or place - Where does one learn of other churches?
B. Its number?
   1. One body (Eph. 4:4), the church (Eph. 1:22,23).
   2. Where does one learn denominationalism or ecumenicalism.
C. Its Worship?
   1. Singing (Eph. 5:19).
   3. Teaching/preaching and Lord’s supper (Acts 20:7)
   4. Giving. (1 Cor. 16:2).
   5. Where does one learn instrumental music, bead counting, hand clapping, etc.?
D. Its Organization?
   1. Local under more than one local elder. (Acts 14:23; Phil. 1:1; 1 Pet. 5:2)
   2. Where does one learn of one pastor, an association, convention or diocese, etc?
E. Its work?
   1. Evangelism, Edification and Benevolence (2 Cor. 11:8; Eph. 4:12-16; 2 Cor. 8&9)
   2. Where does one learn of fellowship meals, recreational activities, social programs, etc.?

IV. Religious Names.
A. Early disciples were called:
   1. Individually — Christians (Acts 11:26; 26:28; 1 Pet. 4:16); saints (Phil 1:1); believers, etc.
   2. Collectively:
      b. “Church of…” to show possession (Rom. 16:16); “Church of God (1 Cor. 16:1-2)
      c. “Church of…” to show location. (1 Thess. 1:1; 2 Thess. 1:1; Rev. 2:1).
      d. “Church of…” to show composition (Rom 16:4; 1 Cor. 14:33; Heb. 12:23).
B. Where did people learn to be called Baptists, Methodists, Lutherans, etc.?

Conclusion:
A. Why not do only what you learn from Bible?
B. Why not obey the Bible plan of salvation today?