

## RULES

What would basketball or football games be with out rules? They'd be a mess. They might be fun to watch—if you didn't care who won, but they wouldn't matter!

Why then do people act like religion and the church Jesus **bought with His blood** doesn't need any rules? That anything is acceptable to God if we "sincerely" think it is good? It might be fun, but it **won't** matter to God, because the player's don't make the rules up as they go along. The rules are made by governing bodies. In in matters relating to Him, God makes the rules!

People may ignore this, but they are in for a terrible surprise, as Jesus said:

**“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.” Matt 7:21-23**

How do we **know** the “*will of my Father*” in order to do it? How do we **not** “*work iniquity*”? How do we **know** what pleases Him? How can we know we have **authority** for what we do? (<http://www.westcolumbiachurchofchrist.org/Sermons/AUTHORITY.pdf>) **USE HIS RULE BOOK**—the Bible. Accept no substitutes, He won't, we shouldn't either. Come see. —**Ed Kelleher**, West Columbia church of Christ, South Carolina.