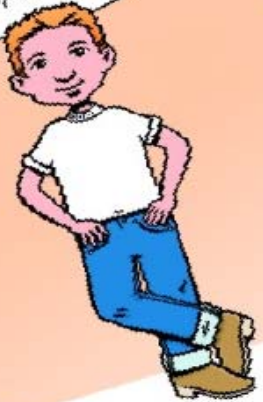


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**Church
Authority**

Why do I have to
listen to the Church?
God gave me free will to
make my own choices.



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Jesus established his
Church on earth and gave the
apostles and their successors — the
bishops — authority to teach in his
name. To listen to the Church is to
listen to Jesus. We would be wise
to follow his voice.

"He who hears you
hears me, and he
who rejects you
rejects me, and he
who rejects me
rejects him who
sent me."
Luke 10:16



Gracious Grace

Free will is a wonderful gift from God. It comes with great responsibility.
The Church is also a wonderful gift from God. The Church helps us
learn how to use our free will correctly, so that we can be happy both
on earth and in heaven.
Other References: Mt. 10:40, 16:18-19, 18:17-20; Lk. 10:16; 1 Tim. 3:15; CCC 87, 890