

What makes authority work for us.

What we must first realize is that the authority that we can operate in is not of ourself. Even the Pharisees realized this and questioned Jesus about where His authority came from.

(The chief priests and the scribes), said to Him, By what authority does Thou these things? And who gave Thee this authority to do these things? **Matthew 21:23, Mark 11:28 & Luke 20:2.**

To operate in God's authority, we must realize that we are under God's and Christ's authority. Just as we see in scripture in the healing of the centurion's son, the centurion realized that he was under another's authority. Therefore he was assured of the outcome when he said to Jesus, Only speak the word, and my boy will be healed, for I am also a man under authority, having soldiers under me. Saying to one, Go, and he goes, and to another, Come, and he comes, and to my servant, Do this, and he does it. When Jesus heard this, He marveled, **Matthew 8:5-13 & Luke 7:1-10.**

The authority that we operate in is kingdom authority. Whereby Christ did give us complete authority over the devil, we cannot pick and choose what areas we wish to uphold God's righteous standards in and disregard others; either it's all or nothing. When we are selective about what we enforce and what we let slide, wavering between two positions, we're promoting our own thoughts and opinions. And this will affect the authority that we are wishing to operate in.

The amount of authority that we walk in or fail to walk in is up to us. I believe God intended it to be this way so as to let every man or woman determine for themselves the level of belief, trust, and, likewise, the authority they would walk in.

For though I should boast somewhat more of our authority, which the Lord has given us for edification, and not for your destruction, I should not be ashamed: **2nd Corinthians 10:8.**

For the earnest expectation of the creature waits for the manifestation of the sons of God, **Romans 8:19.**

Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk, **Acts 3:6.**

Peter was later questioned by the council as to by what power or name this thing was done in, the reply is in Acts 4:7, 10. We can also speak with authority in the name of Jesus, expecting the same power to work, for God's Word does not return void, but will accomplish what it was sent to do, **Isaiah 55:11.**

Jesus is raised and seated with the Father in the heavenly places, having been given a name above every name, and we have been raised up together with Him. Therefore, if we are seated together with Him, we can also operate in the same authority that He operated in His earthly ministry. For Jesus gave His disciples all power and authority.

²⁰ Which He wrought in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and set *Him* at His own right hand in the heavenly *places*, ²¹ Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: **Ephesians 1:20-21.**

⁹ Wherefore God also has highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: ¹⁰ That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; **Philippians 2:9-10.**

⁶ And has raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus: ⁷ That in the ages to come He might shew the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us through Christ Jesus, **Ephesians 2:6-7.**

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth, Matthew 28:18.**

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believes on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto My Father, John 14:12.

And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven, **Matthew 16:19**.

¹⁷ And these signs shall follow them that believe; In My name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

¹⁸ They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover, **Mark 16:17-18**.

A prayer to walk in authority as Jesus did.

Heavenly Father, I first pray for spiritual wisdom and understanding, patterned after the Apostle Paul's prayer for the church of Ephesus, in the book of Ephesians, chapter 1.

That the Father of glory would grant unto me the spirit of wisdom and revelation of Him, that I would know the hope of

His calling, the riches of His glory, and what will be the manifested glory of His saints, according to the greatness of the working of His mighty power.

Now, Father, knowing that I am seated together with Jesus in heavenly places, teach me and allow me to walk in the same power and authority that Your Son Jesus walked in, that I may increase in boldness, that I may boldly do the works that

Jesus did, as in the Great Commission, instructing His disciples to go to all people, preach and teach the Word, baptize, cast out devils, speak with new tongues, lay hands on people, and heal the sick, {**Matthew 19-20 & Mark 16:17-18**}.

AUTHORITY

that we have in Jesus name

We were created to have dominion!

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth, **Genesis 1:26**.

Mankind was made in the very image and likeness of God, having the ability to operate and abide in the same supernatural realm that God resides in.

Therefore, we are in the family of God, and Satan has no power over our life; rather, we have power over him, for we are the head and not the tail.

And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do *them*: **Deuteronomy 28:13**.

When Jesus, God's Son, came into the world, He was born of a woman and operated throughout His earthly ministry as a man, anointed by the Holy Spirit. Likewise, we can also operate under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. For Jesus overcame the devil and gave mankind back the authority that Adam had lost back in the garden.

Behold, I give unto you power (*authority*) to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you, **Luke 10:19**.

Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world, **1st John 4:4**.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NOT IN WORD BUT IN POWER

1st Corinthians 4:20

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