**The Believer’s Authority Week 1**

Transfer of Authority

**Matthew 16:13-19** NKJV- *When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, “Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?”*

***14****So they said, “Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”* ***15****He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”* ***16****Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”*

***17****Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.****18****And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.****19****And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”*

**Revelation 1:18** NLT- *I am the living one. I died but look—I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and the grave.*

Jesus was our example of walking in authority.

Why did Jesus come? What was His purpose?

**1 John 3:8 NKJV**- *He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.*

Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil.

* Sin, death, sickness, deception, lack

**Matthew 28:18-20** NKJV- *And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always,*even*to the end of the age.” Amen.*

What should this authority in our own lives look like?

* We need to have confidence in our identity in Christ
* Speak and act in faith
* Live under submission to God
* Demonstrate dominion over darkness
* Have a kingdom mindset
* Release God’s power through love

**Mark 11:22-23** NKJV- *So Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God. 23 For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.*

We should speak and declare the will of God and see it be done.

**Authority defined:** The very definition of authority is the power or right to give orders, make decisions, and enforce obedience.

**Power defined**: ability, strength, force

**Sovereign =** supreme authority, possessing supreme or ultimate power, one describes it as essentially the power to make laws

1. **Authority Given**

Genesis 1:26-28 NKJV- *Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”*

**Dominion** (Hebrew word -Radah) – (meaning) rule, reign, dominate

**Psalm 89:34**NKJV- *“My covenant I will not break, nor alter the thing that has gone out of my lips.”*

1. **Authority Lost**

**Genesis 3:1-8** NKJV- *Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden’?”*

***2****And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden;****3****but of the fruit of the tree, which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’”*

***4****Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die.****5****For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”*

***6****So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.****7****Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.*

***8****And they heard the [sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.*

Satan had no authority on earth, so his only option was to get Adam and Eve to cooperate with him, which turned over and transferred authority to him.

**Romans 6:16** NLT- *Don’t you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living.*

John 12:31NKJV- *“Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.”*

**Prince** (greek word- archon)- (meaning) Ruler, governor, leader, commander with authority

1. **Authority Restored and Delegated**

**Genesis 3:15** NKJV- *And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.”*

Authority was lost through man, so it had to be restored through a man. Jesus came through an uncorrupted seed (the Holy Spirit) to fulfill God’s design. His victory restored authority, which believers now share as His heirs.

**Romans 5:18-19** NKJV- *Therefore, as through [one man’s offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one[*[*b*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=romans%205%3A18-19&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-28066b)*] Man’s righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life.****19****For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man’s obedience many will be made righteous.*

Jesus was the last Adam

**1 Corinthians 15:45** NLT- *The Scriptures tell us, “The first man, Adam, became a living person.” But the last Adam—that is, Christ—is a life-giving Spirit.*

Adam = offense = resulting in condemnation

Jesus = righteous act = free gift resulting in justification of life

Adam = disobedience = sin

Jesus = obedience = righteousness

**Romans 6:16-17** NLT- *Don’t you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living.* *Thank God! Once you were slaves of sin, but now you wholeheartedly obey this teaching we have given you.*

Authority flows from obedience. Whoever you obey, you are placing yourself under their authority.

Authority is not neutral; you are either under the rule of sin or God.

Authority shifted, it was transferred back to God and now we can live under the authority of righteousness.

**Colossians 2:14-15** *He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.****15****In this way, he disarmedthe spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.*

Our debt was paid, the enemy was disarmed and made a public spectacle.

Jesus has the victory and now authority is back where it belongs.

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Authority is Delegated Power.

**Therefore now go!**