

WHAT IS AUTHORITY?

Ephesians 1:17-23

Q: What is authority?

A: Authority is delegated power.

-The source of our authority is found in the resurrection and exalting of Christ by God.

-You will never understand the authority of the believer with your intellect: you must get the spiritual revelation of it.

-You must believe it by faith.

-We are the Body of Christ.

-If the devil is under Jesus' feet, and we are the Body, then that means that the devil is under us too.

WHO HAS AUTHORITY?

Ephesians 2:1-7

-(**v. 1**) Here we see the same verb in Ephesians 1:20 that expresses the reviving of Christ from the dead expresses the reviving of His people in Ephesians 2:1.

-In other words, the act of God that raised Christ from the dead also raised His Body.

-In the mind of God, when Jesus was raised from the dead, we were raised from the dead.

-(**v. 5-6**) This passage deals with the conferring of His authority.

-The authority that was given to Christ was also given to His Body (us).

-We have authority over all the power of the devil.

THE POWER OF AUTHORITY

Luke 10:19

- We have authority through the Blood of Jesus and the Power in the name of Jesus.
- If you do not understand who is backing you then you can never fully reign in this life as a king.
- You are seated in Heavenly places.
- No devil in hell can defeat you unless you let him.

2 Timothy 1:7

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

James 4:7

"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

Ephesians 6:10

MY DAD IS BIGGER THAN YOUR DAD

1 John 4:4

- Everything that is in the world is scared of everything that is in you.

Isaiah 54:17

"No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD."

HAVING A FOUNDATION OF FAITH

"You'll only defeat the devil in combat when you've got a foundation of God's Word and you act upon it."

-Kenneth E. Hagin

- Many times, people get freed from the power of the devil in a church service.
- Then, once they get back on their own, the devil will come to them with lying symptoms.
- Those who do not have a foundation of faith in them, the devil will put that same thing back on them.
- This is why people need to be taught the Word of God and their rights and privileges as believers.
- Then they can exercise authority for themselves over the devil, diseases, and circumstances.
- The believer who thoroughly understands that the power of God is backing him can exercise his authority and face the enemy fearlessly.

FIND YOUR SEAT

Matthew 18:18

"Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

- Conditions exist because we permit them to.
- Whatever you refuse to be permitted in your life on earth will refuse to be permitted in heaven.
- When you see the devil trespassing on your property you have the right and the power to tell him to go.
- What is it in your life that you need to stand up, hold your hand out, and say, **"STOP, That's enough!"**
- Find your seat and begin to speak!
- You have been given the authority.