

GOD IS THE ULTIMATE AUTHORITY

God is the source of all life; therefore God has the position and the right to establish His ways for ruling His creation.

- God's way is the _____
- You have the right to choose _____
- God knows that you _____

God is not only the originator of life; He is also the sustainer of life.

Deuteronomy 5:33 "You shall walk in *all the ways* which the LORD your God has commanded you, *that you may live* and that *it may be well with you*, and that *you may prolong your days in the land* which you shall possess."

GOD HAS POWER TO EXECUTE HIS AUTHORITY

Authority is only as strong as the power it represents.

God has all _____
Psalm 62:11b "Power belongs to God."

Jeremiah 32:17 "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great *power* and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You."

GOD HAS KNOWLEDGE TO EXECUTE HIS AUTHORITY

God knows what is _____
Psalm 139:3; Jeremiah 51:15

Isaiah 40:13,14 "(13) Who has directed the Spirit of the Lord, or as His counselor has taught Him? (14) With whom did He take counsel, and who instructed Him, and taught Him in the path of justice? Who taught Him knowledge, and showed Him the way of understanding?"

GOD HAS GIVEN AUTHORITY TO HIS WORD

God's power backs up His word because of His authority.

1. God spoke _____
Psalm 33:6-9; Psalm 148:1-6

Hebrews 11:3 "By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible."

God SAID...
Genesis 1:3,6,9,11,14,20,24,26,29
2. God works His authority through _____

Romans 4:17 "...calls those things which do not exist as though they did."
3. God's Word is God's _____
II Timothy 3:16; I John 5:14,15
4. God's word is His _____

Numbers 11:23; Numbers 23:19; I Kings 8:56; Psalm 89:34; Psalm 119:89; Psalm 138:2; Isaiah 40:8; Isaiah 45:23; Isaiah 55:11; Jeremiah 1:12; Matthew 24:35; II Corinthians 1:20; Hebrews 6:18; I Peter 1:24,25

GOD WANTS YOU TO TRUST HIS AUTHORITY

1. Know God _____
2. Trust that God's way is _____
3. Know the way to God is through _____
4. Study to know the _____
5. Stand on the _____

The Authority of the Believer

Part 2: God's Delegated Authority

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1. God is the ultimate _____

Isaiah 44:6b "...I am the First and the Last; beside Me there is no God."

2. God delegated authority to _____

*Genesis 1:28 "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.'"*

*Genesis 2:15 "Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to **tend** and **keep** it."*

3. Adam allowed _____

Romans 5:12 "Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned-"

Isaiah 59:2a "But your iniquities have separated you from your God..."

4. Satan was _____

II Corinthians 4:3,4 "(3) But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, (4) whose minds the god¹ of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them."

Luke 4:6 "... for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish."

¹ The word "god" here is used to describe a governing authority, ruler, or controller; not a divine deity. See John 12:31; John 10:35; Psalm 82:6

5. Jesus defeated death and restored _____

- a. Jesus restored authority over _____

Colossians 2:14-15 "(14) having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. (15) Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it."

Ephesians 1:19-23

- b. Jesus restored authority over _____

Romans 6:6 "Knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin."

Galatians 3:13; Deuteronomy 28:15-68

6. Jesus delegated authority _____

*Ephesians 2:5-6 "(5) Even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), (6) and raised us up together, and made us **sit together in the heavenly places** in Christ Jesus."*

*Matthew 28:18-20 "(18) 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."*

YOUR POSITION TODAY

1. You have authority _____

2. Christ restored your authority over _____

3. Christ gave you authority over sin and _____

The Authority of the Believer

1. Jesus represented _____

Jesus acknowledged God's authority over Him.
John 14:28b "...My Father is greater than I."

Jesus joined Himself to God.
John 10:30 "I and My Father are one."

Jesus did not come with His own agenda.
John 5:30b "...I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me."

Jesus knew that God was backing His position in Him
John 8:54a "Jesus answered, 'If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me...'"

a. There is authority in _____

Jesus knew that His ministry was God's ministry.

Jesus _____ on His own authority.

John 12:49 "For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak."

Jesus _____ on His own authority.

John 5:19 "Then Jesus answered and said to them, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.'"

b. There is power in _____

Acts 10:38 "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him."

2. Jesus ministered _____

Jesus operated as a man anointed by God on the earth.

a. Jesus _____ with authority.
Matthew 7:29

b. Jesus commanded _____
Matthew 8:28-34; Matthew 17:18

c. Jesus commanded _____
Mark 4:39; Mark 11:11-25

d. Jesus commanded _____
Matthew 8:2,3; Matthew 8:5-13; Matthew 9:6; Mark 7:34; Luke 4:39; John 5:8

e. Jesus commanded _____
Mark 5:41; Luke 7:12-15; John 11:42,43

f. Jesus defeated _____
Colossians 2:14,15

3. Jesus commissioned _____

John 20:21b "...As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

There is authority and power in submission to God.

We are sent to do the works that Jesus did
Luke 9:1,2; John 14:12; John 15:15

- Acknowledge _____
- Join up with _____
- Follow His _____
- Know that God will _____

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Part 4: Our Authority in Christ

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God gave Jesus authority to minister on the earth. Jesus also took back authority over Satan through His death and resurrection.

1. Jesus _____ His authority to us.

Matthew 28:18-20
Ephesians 1:19-23

2. We have been _____ in Christ.

Ephesians 2:4-6
Galatians 2:20

3. We represent _____

- a. We are to reign in this life.

Romans 5:17b "...reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ."
Revelation 1:6b "...made us kings and priests."

- b. We are to carry out Christ's mission.

II Corinthians 5:20a "Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us..."

4. We have been authorized to use the _____

- a. We are authorized to _____ in His name.

John 14:12-14; John 16:23, 24

- b. We are authorized to _____ in His name.

Mark 16:17, 18
Acts 3:1-9

New Testament Examples:

- a. _____ in the name of Jesus.

Acts 5:40; 9:27

- b. _____ for the name of Jesus.

Acts 15:26; 21:13

- c. _____ in the name of Jesus.

Acts 2:38; 8:16; 19:5

- d. _____ in the name of Jesus.

Mark 16:17, 18

- e. _____ in the name of Jesus.

Acts 16:18

- f. _____ in the name of Jesus.

Acts 4:30

- g. _____ in the name of Jesus.

Acts 3:6

- h. They made the name of Jesus _____

Acts 19:17

His name represents His person.

Philippians 2:9-11

5. We are responsible to use our authority in Christ

Take Your Authority

- a. _____ to God.

- b. _____ of the Holy Spirit.

- c. Use the _____ of your mouth.

- d. Expect God's _____ to back your authority.

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Commanders with authority

1. God gave commands.
2. Jesus gave commands.
3. The disciples gave commands.
 - a. Peter
Acts 3:1-10; Acts 9:32-34; Acts 9:36-42
 - b. Paul
Acts 14:8-10; Acts 16:16-18
4. You have been authorized to command.

Words spoken in authority have power

Mark 11:22-24

1. _____ the Word.
 - a. Our authority is _____
 - b. Faith begins _____
Romans 10:17
2. _____ the Word.
John 5:14,15
God's Word is God's will.
3. _____ the Word.
Luke 17:5,6
It isn't the amount of faith that you have, it's what you do with what you have.
4. _____ the Word.
John 15:5

Align yourself to receive the anointing of God.

Words have power

Proverbs 18:21 "Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit."

1. Words that tear down

Numbers 16

- a. Words that _____
- b. Words that _____
- c. Words that _____

James 3:9,10

2. Words that build up

- a. Words that _____
- b. Words that _____
- c. Words that _____

How to increase your effectiveness

1. Focus on your _____

Matthew 12:33-37

2. Be careful whom you _____

Proverbs 13:20 (Amplified) "He who walks [as a companion] with wise men is wise, but he who associates with [self-confident] fools is [a fool himself and] shall smart for it."

3. Be intentional with _____

James 3:2-4