

# 1. Authority of the Believer

## God & His Word – the Supreme & Final Authority

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### 1. GOD – who IS the Great I AM – the Author & Finisher, for 2000 years been building His church

Matthew 16:18 ... upon this rock **I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it**

The 'rock' Jesus was talking about is a 'revelation' of WHO Jesus IS and WHO we are IN HIM!

### 2. The subject of 'AUTHORITY' is a central theme throughout the Bible

God opens the first book of the Bible declaring that His intention for 'man' to rule.

Genesis 1:26 *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** ...*

1 Samuel 2:8a *He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the beggar from the ash heap; **to set them among princes and make them inherit the throne of glory** ...*

### 3. Satan has fought this message on the Authority of the Believer

Satan has deceived many in the Church into relinquishing our authority and living under his control as slaves of sin, the curse and demon spirits.

### 4. God opened His story in Genesis 2 and 3 talking about this fight!

- i. Who is going to hold the KEYS and who has AUTHORITY in the earth!
- ii. God gave authority to Adam, and then commanded him to 'guard and watch'
- iii. Christ taught a Parable about a man who left his house went on a far journey and *gave authority to His servants*, and told them to 'watch'
- iv. Jesus Christ delegated His authority to His body, and told us to 'resist the adversary, to guard and to watch'

### 5. God and His Word are the Supreme & Final Authority

The AUTHORITY of the Believer begins and is foundation in GOD the Supreme and Final Authority ... in Jesus Christ who has all authority in heaven and on earth ...in God's Word that God has exalted above His Name!

### 6. God the Father is the Supreme and Final Authority

Isaiah 46:10 ***I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, 10 declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done,***

Isaiah 44:24b ....***"I, the Lord, am the Maker of all things, stretching out the heavens by Myself and spreading out the earth all alone,***

Isaiah 43:13 ***Indeed before the day was, I AM He; and there is no one who can deliver out of My hand; I work, and who will reverse it?"***

GOD IS SOVEREIGN – ALL POWERFUL – ALMIGHTY – OMNIPOTENT – ETERNAL. He is the SUPREME & FINAL AUTHORITY.

**GOD IS SOVEREIGN – YET in His Sovereignty God IS NOT arbitrarily ruling over the affairs on earth!** He chose to delegate the authority of the earth to 'man' for a period of time and to rule through him!

### 7. Jesus Christ has all authority in heaven and on earth

Revelation 1:8 *'I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End... .'*

John 1:1 ***In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.***

2 ***He (the Word) was in the beginning with God.*** 3 ***All things were made through Him (the Word), and without Him nothing was made that was made. ...*** 10 ***He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.*** 14 ***And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.***

1 John 3:8b NKJV Ampl

***For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy undo, loosen, and dissolve the works of the devil.***

Ephesians 1:20-23 ... *He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His 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 age but also in that which is to come.** 22 **And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.***

Philippians 2:9-11 ... ***God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ...***

Matthew 28:18 ***All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.***

## 8. **God's Word is Supreme and is Final Authority – God and His Word are One**

### i. **To honor God is to honor His Word!**

Psalm 138:2b ... *for You have magnified Your Word above all Your name.*

### ii. **God's Word is Absolute**

Matthew 25:25 *Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.*

### iii. **God will never go back on His Word**

Isaiah 45:23 NLT *I have sworn by my own name; **I have spoken the truth, and I will never go back on my word:***

### iv. **God's Word is forever settled in heaven**

John 10:35 ... *the Scripture cannot be broken (set aside, cancelled, annulled)...*

Psalm 119:89 *For ever, O LORD, Your Word is settled in heaven.*

Psalm 107:20 ***He sent His Word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.***

## 9. **Jesus Christ has delegated authority to the believers**

Matt 28:18 ***All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore ...***

Ephesians 1:22 NLT *God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things **for the benefit of the church.***

Luke 10:17, 19 *Lord even the devils are subject to us in Your name...I give you the **authority** to trample on serpents and scorpions, and **over all the power** of the enemy, and **nothing shall by any means hurt you.***

Some Christians pray the problem and wait for God to do something! God has already done all He is going to do. He is waiting on us to act and use the authority He has delegated to us.

**Agree with God's Word!** God is NOT going to agree with defeat, sickness, oppression. (Amos 3:3 *Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?*)

(Psalm 107:20 Allow God and His Word as it is sent to bring healing and deliverance to you and to yours... to our nation)

God the Father, God the Word, God the Holy Spirit **are the Supreme and FINAL** who are the authority and power who are backing us as we exercise our authority as a believers.