

**4. Authority of the Believer**  
**Authority to Reign as joint heirs with Christ**

Sunday 19 March 2023

**Romans 8:19** *For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.*

'sons' – *huios* "son" highlights the (legal) right to the *Father's inheritance*, i.e. as the believer lives in conformity with the Father's nature (purpose)

Jesus Christ loves His Church & has given Himself for her ... *...that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.* (Ephesians 5:27)

**Romans 5:17** ... *...by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who **receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.***

Along with the *abundance of grace* and the *gift of righteousness* God has GIVEN us **AUTHORITY to REIGN**

Romans 8:17 ... **heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,**

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

**2. God said, My people have been destroyed for a lack of knowledge**

Hosea 4:6 *My people are **destroyed for lack of knowledge.** Because you have rejected knowledge,*

**3. Jesus said, you will know the truth, and the truth shall make you free (John 8:32)**

**4. Know our calling, our inheritance, the greatness of His power to us**

Ephesians 1:18 NIV ... *that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance*

Ephesians 1:19 ...*and what is the **exceeding greatness of His power** to us who believe, according to the working of **His mighty power** <sup>20</sup> which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup> which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.*

**5. Jesus Christ came ... to destroy / undo the works of the devil**

1 John 3:8b NKJV Ampl ***For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might undo destroy, loosen, and dissolve the works of the devil.***

Luke 4:18 *"The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the **poor**; He has sent Me to **heal the broken hearted**, to proclaim **liberty to the captives** and **recovery of sight to the blind**, to set at **liberty those who are oppressed**; <sup>19</sup> To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD." .... <sup>21</sup> ... , "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."*

**6. Jesus Christ stripped the powers and authorities – triumphing over them in the Cross**

Colossians 2:15 WEB *Having **stripped** the principalities and the powers, .... Ampl **that were ranged against us** ...*

**Col 2:15 NIV** *disarmed the **powers and authorities**, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the Cross*

Jesus Christ made a public display – all heaven, earth and under the earth saw that Day what He had done...

Colossians 2:13 NIV *(God) forgave us all our sins, <sup>14</sup> **having cancelled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.***

**7. Jesus Christ destroyed him who had the power of death – the devil**

Hebrews 2:14-15 ... *as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that **through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,** <sup>15</sup> **and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.***

## 8. Jesus Christ led the captives captive, and gave gifts to men

Ephesians 4:8-9 ...When He ascended on high, **He led captivity captive**, and gave gifts to men. 9 Now this, “He ascended” — what does it mean but that **He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth?**

## 9. Jesus Christ was the first born from the dead

Colossians 1:18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence

## 10. A new creation, the old has passed away; all things have become new

2 Corinthians 5:17 *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is **a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*** <sup>18</sup> **Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, ...**

John 1:12 Ampl *...as many as did receive and welcome Him, **He gave the authority (power, privilege, right)** to become the children of God, ...*

## 11. God’s masterpiece – heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ Jesus

Ephesians 2:10 NLT *For we are **God’s masterpiece.** He has **created us anew** in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago.*

Romans 8:17 *if children, **then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,***

Ephesians 1:3-4 *... **has blessed us with all spiritual blessings** in Christ...*

## 12. God raised us up together and made us sit together in heavenly places

Ephesians 2:6 *... and **raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places** in Christ Jesus,*

Ephesians 1:20-22 *... raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,*

<sup>21</sup> *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.* <sup>22</sup> ***And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church,*** <sup>23</sup> ***which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all...***

When God put all things under Christ’s feet. The youngest member of the Body of Christ has authority OVER Satan.

## 13. God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness

Colossians 1:13 *God **has delivered us** from the domain of darkness, and **transferred us** to the kingdom of His beloved Son...*

## 14. God has given Him the Name which is above every name

Philippians 2:9-11 *God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, <sup>10</sup> 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**, <sup>11</sup> and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

**The Name of Jesus carries Authority in Three Worlds!** Every knee should bow: of beings *in heaven*, beings *in the earth*, and beings *under the earth*

## 15. Jesus Christ gave us AUTHORITY to use His Name

John 14:13-14 *...whatever you ask (demand) in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.*

## 16. ‘In My Name you shall cast out the demons’ (Mark 16:15-18)

## 17. Jesus has given us authority to trample on serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy (Lk 10:17)

‘authority’ – exousia – versus “power” – dunamis – “miraculous power, might, strength”

The adversary has been stripped of His authority ... But he continues to roam this earth ... to kill, steal, destroy until GOD’S SONS, HIS HEIRS use their God-given authority to *enforce* their defeat.