

6. Authority of the Believer Authority to Bind & Loose in Jesus Name

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1. Introduction to using our Authority to Bind & Loose!

Matthew 16:19 NAS *whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.*

2. Overview – Christianity is a Legal Document! The Bible is a Legal Book!

Every Step in the Plan of Redemption was a Series of Legal steps that brought God's Plan to pass in the earth.

- i. The Plan of Redemption has 3 Legal Parties: God, Man, and Satan.
- ii. In Genesis chapter 1 God created man, conferred on him *certain legal rights*, authority, and dominion.
- iii. The Fall of Man was a Legal Act. Adam had a legal right to transfer the authority God had given him to another, Satan! This gave Satan the Legal Right to rule over creation
- iv. Adam made himself a slave. That slavery would last until the Period of man's dominion of the earth expired.
- v. God is Supreme, All-Powerful, but He did not have Legal Authority to over-ride Adam's decision.
- vi. God, the Righteous Judge worked within a Legal Framework to *free the human race, and defeat Satan.*

3. Every step of God's Plan of Redemption was based on Perfect Legal Grounds

- i. The Seed of the Woman would come to earth, through the door of human birth ... (the legal entry into the earth)
- ii. He (Jesus Christ) would Do the will of God the Father (Adam failed)
- iii. He would face the devil ... being tempted in all points, yet without sin. (Adam gave in to temptation)
- iv. As our Substitute God laid on Him the sin of us all. He bore the penalty required by Justice...
- v. Once the penalty was paid, He from the dead, having conquered Satan, and restoring the authority Adam lost.
- vi. Jesus Christ returned to heaven laid His victory at the feet of God the Father & sent the Holy Spirit to Administer the Terms of NEW COVENANT.

4. Satan's rule ended on the legal grounds of Christ's victory

John 12:31-32 ***Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.*** ³² *And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself.*

Satan has NO LEGAL authority over the new creation.

5. The Cross was a Legal Act that changed everything!

The Old Covenant looked *forward* to what Messiah **would do**. The New Covenant looks *back* at what Messiah **has done**. Now we are sons of God. Now we have God the Holy Spirit living in us!

6. Exercising Spiritual Authority to Bind and Loose

Matthew 16:19b NAS ... *whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.*

7. Authority to Bind and Loose is a specific authority given to the Church

Matthew 16:18, 19 NAS ***Upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.*** ¹⁹ *I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.*

God has given the CHURCH spiritually authority to LEGISLATE!

8. Jesus has given us the keys of the kingdom of heaven

Matthew 16:19 *I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven;*

'keys' – kleis – 'the keeper of the keys has the power to open and shut, (denotes power and authority)!

9. Whatever you bind ... whatever you loose

Matthew 16:19 NASB *and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.*

Bind – ‘deo’ – ‘tie down, fasten; to lock, restrain, impel, declare to be prohibited and unlawful’ ‘to restrict, hold something so it cannot do what it wants to do, limit its ability to function because it has been impelled’

Loose – ‘luo’ – ‘untie, release, (from bonds), let go, dissolve, destroy, set at naught, annul’

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| i. We are the ones doing the binding – NOT God. | We are the one doing the loosing – NOT God. |
| ii. What has <i>been bound in heaven</i> ? | Sickness, poverty, demonic oppression, addictions, fear. |
| iii. What has <i>been loosed in heaven</i> ? | God’s abundant life, health, joy , peace, prosperity. |

iv. **How do we use our authority – we make a ‘demand’ in the Name of Jesus**

John 14:13-14 ...whatever you ask 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.

‘ask’ – aiteó – ‘demand, petition request’. We are **not** demanding from God we are making a demand on our covenant

10. Whatever things YOU allow will be the things God allows!

Matthew 16:19 NCV ... the things you don’t allow on earth will be the things that God does not allow, and the things you allow on earth will be the things that God allows.

11. Jesus gives the pattern for Binding & Loosing. First bind the strong man, then release his goods

Matthew 12:29 *Or how can one enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house.*

12. Jesus Christ has given us authority over all the power of the enemy

Luke 10:19 *Behold, 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.*

‘**authority**’ – ‘exousia’ – ‘magistrate, jurisdiction, delegated influence, liberty, right, force, privilege’

‘**trample**’ – ‘pateo’ – ‘tread under foot, trample, hit, strike, denotes a single blow’

13. We use the Name of Jesus we bind and Loose – which includes casting out demons, and healing the sick

Mark 16:17-18 ... **in My name they will cast out demons**; they will speak with new tongues; ¹⁸ they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; **they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover**.

In MY NAME ... cast out demons! ‘cast’ – ekballo’ – to drive out, expel, pluck out, thrust out, send away’

Philippians 2:9-10 ... **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**

14. We are to execute on the kingdom of darkness the written judgment

Psalms 149:6-9 *let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand, to **execute vengeance on the nations, and punishments on the peoples, to bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; to execute on them the written judgment** - this honour have all His saints.*

The ‘saints’ have governmental authority, to **BIND** and **EXECUTE** on the demonic realm God’s written judgment!

The ‘saints’ have authority to use God’s Word as a legal document, His Name and by the power of the Holy Spirit bind whatever demonic activity is trying to establish itself in our lives, our home, our children and our nation.

Jesus Christ is building His Church on the Revelation of WHO HE IS & WHO WE ARE IN HIM. As the Church, we are using the KEYS of the Kingdom and calling for the outpouring of His righteousness, His wisdom, His prosperity, His presence in our families, our streets, our towns.

Genesis 11:6 KJV the people is one, and they have all one language; ...: and now **nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do**.