

# The Authority of the Believer Pt 2

devil doesn't want Christians to learn about the authority of the believer. He wants to continue to defeat us anytime he wants

He gains an advantage over us (2Co 2:11 (NASB) so that no advantage would be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes.) when we are ignorant.

Last week I told you there are things we suffer for the sake of righteousness And then there are things we suffer for the sake of ignorance.

Gal 3:13 (NASB) Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written: “CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE”—

Gal 3:13 (TPT) Yet, Christ paid the full price to set us free from the curse of the law. He absorbed it completely as he became a curse in our place. For it is written: “Everyone who is hung upon a tree is doubly cursed.”

## What is the curse of the law?

1. Poverty
2. Sickness
3. Spiritual Death

- Poverty = the state of being inferior, insufficient resources.
- Sickness = being ill, not in full health
- Spiritual Death = separation from God

These are things we are not to suffer gladly but to resist with all of our spiritual might.

1 Cor 7:23 (TPT) Since a great price was paid for your redemption, stop having the mind-set of a slave. [victim, loser]

How many of you have heard of this official called a Deputy Sheriff?

- The authority doesn't belong to the deputy but to the sheriff.

- Deputy is empowered to act as a substitute, act on behalf of the sheriff.
- The conduit of the authority is relationship - Deputy Sheriff.
- Sheriff sets policy and guidelines - Deputy operates within this policy and guidelines.
- Deputy must have better than average understanding of the law. Can't enforce what isn't known.
- The Sheriff empowers the Deputies and they go out into the (highways and byways) and act in the Sheriffs place.

The authority of the deputy is delegated power.

Mat 28:18-19 (NASB) And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. [19] "Go, **therefore**, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

Mat 28:18-19 (TPT) Then Jesus came close to them and said, "All the authority of the universe has been given to me. [19] Now go in my authority and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Paul told believers to be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might

Eph 6:10 (NASB) Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.

That means you can step out in front of the devil, hold up your hand, and tell him not to come any closer. Use your authority!

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Luk 10:17-20 (NASB) Now the seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name!" [18] And He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like lightning.

This has always been taught as Jesus before He was Jesus - watching satan fall from heaven in the original rebellion.

But modern translations and long dead scholars have stated that Jesus watched satan getting kicked off his high horse even before Jesus stripped him of all authority and power by dying on the cross.

**Wuest says:** I was beholding with a calm, intent, continuous contemplation Satan having fallen in one fell swoop from heaven like lightning.

Luk 10:18 (TPT) Jesus replied, "While you were ministering, I watched Satan topple until he fell suddenly from heaven like lightning to the ground.

(NASB) [19] "Behold, I have given you authority to walk on snakes and scorpions, and authority over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you. [20] "Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven."

Don't become an egotistical fool by thinking that this is your abilities - stay focused on your relationship with me and know that it is my power flowing through you that does the work.

When you see an authority figure who is a narcissist you are witnessing someone whose ego has actually disqualified them for the position they hold. That is true whether they are politicians or pastors or any other type of leader.

## True authority is humble. [Not weak]

Num 12:3 (NAS95) (Now the man Moses was very humble, more than any man who was on the face of the earth.)

Jesus said, "I am gentle and humble in heart."

The Master also said, ... whoever will humble himself like this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

God resist the arrogant but He gives plenty of Grace to the humble.

# Who had the greatest faith in Israel?

Mat 8:9 (NASB) “For I also am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, ‘Go!’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come!’ and he comes, and to my slave, ‘Do this!’ and he does it.”

Mat 8:8-10 (TPT) (8-9) But the Roman officer interjected, “Lord, who am I to have you come into my house? I understand your authority, for I too am a man who walks under authority and have authority over soldiers who serve under me. I can tell one to go and he’ll go, and another to come and he’ll come. I order my servants and they’ll do whatever I ask. So I know that all you need to do is to stand here and command healing over my son and he will be instantly healed.” [10] Jesus was astonished when he heard this and said to those who were following him, “He has greater faith than anyone I’ve encountered in Israel!

Great faith understands authority and expresses itself in authority.

If we go through life acting like and believing that we are victims without any authority we have teeny tiny faith.

Luk 10:21 (NASB) At that very time **He rejoiced greatly** in the Holy Spirit, ...

In the Greek this means to leap. To exult, leap for joy, to show one's joy by leaping and skipping denoting excessive or ecstatic joy and delight.

Its the only time it is used to describe the emotions of Jesus.

It was not used when the blind were made to see, or the lame were made to walk or the lepers were cleansed.

But when His children rose up and took the place evicting satan from his place Jesus danced, skipped and laughed.

Luk 10:21-24 (TPT) Then Jesus, **overflowing with the Holy Spirit's anointing of joy**, exclaimed, “Father, thank you, for you are Lord Supreme over heaven and earth! You have hidden the great revelation of this authority from those who are proud, those wise in their own eyes, and you have shared it with these who humbled themselves. Yes, Father. This is what pleases your heart and the very way you’ve chosen to extend your kingdom: to give to those who become like trusting children. [22] “Father, you have entrusted

me with all that you are and all that you have. No one fully knows the Son except the Father. And no one fully knows the Father except the Son. But the Son is able to introduce and reveal the Father to anyone he chooses.” [23] When Jesus was alone with the Twelve, he said to them, “You are very privileged to see and hear all these things. [24] Many kings and prophets of old longed to see these days of miracles that you’ve been favored to see. They would have given everything to hear the revelation you’ve been favored to hear. Yet they didn’t get to see as much as a glimpse or hear even a whisper.”

As you and I grow in our understanding and confidence of authority we can displace darkness.