

Subject:

*Why Give Christ
Complete Authority
over Your Life?*

Series:

Beyond Membership to
Discipleship

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1. Jesus' authority is complete and universal

A Matthew 28:18 NKJV And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

Colossians 1:16-17 NIV For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. **17** He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

2. Jesus' authority over sickness and physical affliction

Matthew 8:16–17 NKJV— Jesus “cast out spirits...
and healed all who were sick...”

Luke 4:40 NKJV He laid His hands on every one of
them and healed them.”

3. Jesus' authority to forgive sins.

Mark 2:1-12 Good News Bible

4 Because of the crowd, however, they could not get the man to him. So they made a hole in the roof right above the place where Jesus was. When they had made an opening, they let the man down, lying on his mat. 5 Seeing how much faith they had, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "My son, your sins are forgiven." 6 Some teachers of the Law who were sitting there thought to themselves, like this!"

4. Jesus' authority to know what's happening within the heart.

Mark 2:1-12 Good News Bible

7 "How does he dare talk like this? This is blasphemy! God is the only one who can forgive sins!" 8 At once Jesus knew what they were thinking, so he said to them, "Why do you think such things? 9 Is it easier to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, pick up your mat, and walk'? 10 I will prove to you, then, that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the paralyzed man, 11 "I tell you, get up, pick up your mat, and go home!" 12 While they all watched, the man got up, picked up his mat, and hurried away. They were all completely amazed and praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

5. Jesus' right to the controls of our lives

Proverbs 3:5–6 NKJV Trust in the Lord with all your heart... and He shall direct your paths.

Romans 12:1-2 KJV I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. **2** And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.-

Philippians 4:6-7 NIV Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. **7** And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.-

Challenge Commitment

What one area will
you surrender
more fully to the
Authority of Christ?

If you are
beginning to follow
the Lord in your
heart, I commend
and pray for you.