

UNDERSTANDING OUR SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY IN CHRIST JESUS

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PROVERBS 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own
understanding;
⁶ in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your
paths straight.

MATTHEW 28:18-20

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

MARK 16:15-20

He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸ they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."

MARK 16:15-20

After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. ²⁰ Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.

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SIGNS OF FORMULAIC CHRISTIANITY

1. Formulaic prayer

2. Good works

❖ (The ten commandments keep us out of trouble but don't establish a relationship with the Lord)

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1. Cheap grace

- Reducing the gospel to a formula to apply like cortisone cream to the rash of sin is the doctrine of fools
- Jude 1:4 For certain individuals whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.
- John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.)

2. Rule-based Christianity

TRUTH

- Religion tries to change from the outside in
- Faith changes from the inside out

2ND CORINTHIANS 5:7

For we live by faith,
not by sight.

TRUTH

We want to be a part of something that is bigger than us and bigger than our reasoning or capabilities

EPHESIANS 1:18-21

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

TRUTH

If I want to see his power and authority at work in my life that I need to pray for a greater understanding of God's power in my life

2 QUESTIONS

1. Do we actively experience God's Authority and power in our lives?
2. What does walking in Spiritual Authority and power look like for the believer?

HEBREWS 4:16

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

ACTS 2:17-21

“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.

ACTS 2:17-21

²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. ²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

1ST JOHN 4:4

You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

COLOSSIANS 2:13-15

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

3 WAYS WE CAN EXERCISING SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY

1. Submit ourselves to God
2. Resist the devil
3. Put on the full armor of God

JAMES 4:7

Submit yourselves, then, to God.
Resist the devil, and he will flee from
you.

EHPESIANS 6:10-12

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms

QUOTE

The modern world detests authority but worships relevance. Our Christian conviction is that the Bible has both authority and relevance, and that the secret of both is Jesus Christ

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