



# The Authority of the Believer

## The Authority You Have in Christ

### Leader's Notes

#### I. Jesus gave authority to the believer.

- God and Jesus have authority to govern their kingdom.
- Matthew 28:18, *"I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth" (NLT).*
- The believer has authority in his life through the gift of Jesus Christ.
- Matthew 10:1, *"...He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease" (NKJV).*
- The power is in Jesus and the Name of Jesus.
- The earth is operating under a curse of disasters, sickness, disease, lack, evil and death.
- The believer does not have to operate under the curse.
- Deuteronomy 28:3-13, *"Your towns and your fields will be blessed. Your children and your crops will be blessed. The offspring of your herds and flocks will be blessed. Your fruit baskets and breadboards will be blessed. Wherever you go and whatever you do, you will be blessed. The Lord will conquer your enemies when they attack you. They will attack you from one direction, but they will scatter from you in seven! The Lord will guarantee a blessing on everything you do and will fill your storehouses with grain. The Lord your God will bless you in the land he is giving you. If you obey the commands of the Lord your God and walk in his ways, the Lord will establish you as his holy people as he swore he would do. Then all the nations of the world will see that you are a people claimed by the Lord, and they will stand in awe of you. The Lord will give you prosperity in the land he swore to your ancestors to give you, blessing you with many children, numerous livestock, and abundant crops. The Lord will send rain at the proper time from his rich treasury in the heavens and will bless all the work you do. You will lend to*





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*many nations, but you will never need to borrow from them. If you listen to these commands of the Lord your God that I am giving you today, and if you carefully obey them, the Lord will make you the head and not the tail, and you will always be on top and never at the bottom."*

- All creation wants the believer to take his place and command the blessings of God into the world.
- Romans 8:20-21, *"Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse. But with eager hope, the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay"* (NLT).
- God gave you a promise that He is with you.
- 1 John 4:4, *"...because He [the Spirit of God] who is in you is greater than he who is in the world"* (NKJV).
- Peter and John used the authority of the Name of Jesus to heal a crippled man.
- Healing came because of the Name of Jesus and faith in Jesus' Name.
- Acts 3:16, *"And His [Jesus'] name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all"* (NKJV).
- This message of authority in Jesus' Name brings the forgiveness of sins.
- Luke 24:47, *"There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent"* (NLT).
- Jesus has given His Name to you.

## II. We must receive this authority.

- The person who believes in Jesus can exercise the same authority He has.
- Luke 10:19, *"Look, I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy"* (NLT).
- To receive this authority, simply speak in faith.
- Speak what God has said is His will.



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- Read and study the Bible. It contains God's will.
- Speak that you are healed; body, soul and spirit.
- It is God's will.
  - 1 Peter 2:24, *"By whose [Jesus'] stripes you were healed" (NKJV).*
- Receive the gifts of God, including His authority!

## III. You are "in Christ."

- When you were born again, you were put "in Christ."
- Everything Jesus has done, everything He has and everything He is applies to you.
- When Jesus died on the cross, was buried and rose again, you were "in Christ."
  - Romans 6:3-5, *"Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was" (NLT).*
- You are no longer ruled by the power of evil, the devil, old habits, sickness, disease, oppression, wrong thoughts or sinful actions.
- You are free "in Christ."
- You must choose either life or death; either blessings or curses.
  - Deuteronomy 30:19-20, *"Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live! You can make this choice by loving the Lord your God, obeying him and committing yourself firmly to him. This is the key to your life" (NLT).*



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- Jesus washed us in His own blood and presented us to the Father as kings and priest of God.
  - 1 Peter 2:9, *“For you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God’s very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light” (NLT).*
  - Begin living this life of authority in Christ.
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## Prayer for Salvation

*Oh God in heaven, in Jesus’ mighty Name, I call on You, O God. Receive me as Your child as I accept Jesus as my Lord. I believe with all my heart Jesus has been raised from the dead, and I say right now “Jesus is my Lord and my Savior.” Give me the assurance in my heart, guaranteed me by the Word of God, that I am saved. I confess sin, I renounce it, I repent of it, I renounce the past. Satan, I renounce you. In the Name of Jesus, you’re not to lead me ever again. You’re not my god. Jesus is my Lord, and I’ll serve Him and only Him forever and ever. Now, Father, fill me with Your Holy Spirit to overflowing. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.*

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## Confession

*Thank You, Father, for the authority You have given me in Christ. I receive the benefits of being in Him. I take my spiritual authority to command the enemy to leave in Jesus’ Name! I speak the Word of God to receive the will of God in every situation. I am victorious in Christ.*

*In the Name of Jesus Christ, Amen.*

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