

The Believer's Authority

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1. Delegated Authority of Creation:

- To see what the creator established in creation, let's take a look in Genesis and see how God created man to have dominion and authority.

Genesis 1:26-28 NKJV

26 "Then God said, "**Let Us** make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.""

- In v-26, the word "us" is the Hebrew word Elohim.
- Elohim is the plural form for the God head; the Trinity - the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- The God head, Elohim, created mankind, male and female, to have dominion over all of creation.
- **Dominion** - is the HBW word [radah] (*raw daw*). It means to: make to have dominion; to reign; to rule over; ruler.

The following is defined by the Noah Webster 1828 American Dictionary of the English Language.

- **Dominion** - Supreme authority; the power of governing and controlling.
- **Authority** - Legal power, or a right to command or to act; as the ruler over subjects, and of parents over children. Power; rule; sway.
- How was man to take or exercise this dominion and authority that he was created to have - by the legal power and right to command - and to act on God's behalf?
- If we go back in Genesis and read how God created everything, we can see that God spoke everything into existence - "light be and light was".

- Everything was created by the word of God and is upheld by the word of His power, or you can say by the power of His word.

Hebrews 1:2-3 NKJV

“has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,”

- Since the worlds were created and upheld by words, the words of God, creation must be governed that way...by words.
- This is why, when God created mankind, He created him in His image, after His likeness.

Genesis 2:7 KJV

“And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.”

- In the literal Hebrew, this passage reads – “and the Lord God formed man’s body from the dust of the earth and breathed into man’s nostrils the spirit of life and man became a speaking spirit like God.”
- Mankind was created to have authority - to rule and reign over God’s creation with and for Him, upholding it, subduing it by words.
- All that God created was placed under the rule and the feet of man.

Psalms 8:4-6 NKJV

4 “What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? 5 For You have made him a little lower than the **angels**, And You have crowned him with glory and honor. 6 You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet,”

- If you look up the world angels in the original text of Hebrew, you will see that in v-5 the word angels is a mistranslation.
- The word angels is the HBW word Elohim, which is the same word we see in Genesis 1:26; where the scripture says, “let us “.
- It’s the plural form for the God head. Translated, you could read it this way -

- In V-5 “ for you made him (man) a little lower than Elohim, the God head, himself.”
- In V-6, notice the phrase, “You have made him (man) to have”. To have what? Dominion over the works of Your hands. You could say, “all the works of Your hands”, because of what follows in the next sentence - “You have put all things under his feet.”.
- You have created man to have dominion and authority over all the works of your hands and have placed all things, everything you have created, under his feet.
- Another verse of scripture, that reveals this precept, is found in Psalms 115:16.

Psalms 115:16 NKJV

“The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord’s; But the earth He has given to the children of men.”

Psalms 115:16 TPT

“The heavens belong to our God; they are his alone, but he has given us the earth and put us in charge.”

- God placed man in charge of His creation.

Psalms 82:1-6 NKJV

1 “God stands in the congregation of the mighty; He judges among the gods. 2 How long will you judge unjustly, And show partiality to the wicked? Selah
3 Defend the poor and fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted and needy. 4 Deliver the poor and needy; Free them from the hand of the wicked. 5 They do not know, nor do they understand; They walk about in darkness; All the foundations of the earth are unstable. 6 I said, “You are gods, And all of you are children of the Most High.”

- In v-6, we can see that we are referred to as gods, with the little “g”, and are children of the most High.
- In the HRW, the word gods (with the little g) means magistrates.
- The word magistrates means principal director.

- Isn't that in line with every scripture, bearing what God created man to have? He was created with dominion and authority over all the works of God's hands as principal director.

Genesis 2:15-17 NKJV

15 "Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

- We know that eventually man ate from the tree of good and evil, and he transgressed against God.
- Notice in v-17, God told Adam that the day that he would eat from the tree of Good and evil, is the day he would surely die!
- Here is a word man had not heard before, because it is not in God's MO and way of doing things. Die is not in His vocabulary. God doesn't speak death. He speaks life. He is the author of life.
- God said, when he ate of the tree, he would surely die. As a result, death entered the earth by one man's offense. Why?
- Because Adam had dominion and authority, everything that was under his dominion was affected by the fall.

Romans 5:12-21

"Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned— (For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification. For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.) Therefore, as through one

man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous. Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

- The word death is defined as a state of being separated.
- When Adam transgressed against God and ate of the tree of good and evil, he died (spiritually) and death entered into the world under his dominion and authority.
- Death means the state of being separated.
- Spiritual death is separation from God, and physical death is being separated from your body and the natural realm.
- Once under Adam's dominion, he let death in through sin. As a result, he was separated from God.
- When man fell, the enemy came in and (through death) separated us from God and was able to access the dominion as "god" (with the little g), principal director.

Luke 4:5-6 NKJV

5 "Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. 6 And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish."

- Notice in v-6 what the devil says to Jesus, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish."
- Was the devil lying to Jesus? Absolutely not! It wouldn't be a temptation for Jesus, if he had been lying.
- Notice, the devil had possession of man's authority. Who delivered it to him? Adam.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 KJV

“But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.”

- Where did the devil get the title, “god of this world”? God didn’t give him that title, nor the authority to go along with it.
- God gave the authority to man ,and when he fell, he delivered it to the enemy.
- **BUT GOD!!!**
- But God had a plan to redeem mankind back. He planned to reconcile mankind back to him, and in doing so, redeem the delegated authority over creation.

Galatians 4:1-8 NKJV

1 “Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, 2 but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father. 3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. 4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” 7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ. 8 But then, indeed, when you did not know God, you served those which by nature are not gods.”

2. Jesus, Operating In His Ministry, in Man's Dominion & Authority.

- Jesus was the express image of God's glory and brightness, after His death and resurrection. After "the passion", he was raised as Lord of all and given a name above all names. We saw this earlier in Hebrews chapter 1.

Hebrews 1:3 NKJV

"Who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,"

- Jesus did not come here to the earth in all His deity, splendor, power and might. He came here as a man.

Philippians 2:5-7 NKJV

5 "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men."

Philippians 2:5-7 AMPC

5 "Let this same attitude and purpose and [humble] mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus: [Let Him be your example in humility:] 6 Who, although being essentially one with God and in the form of God [possessing the fullness of the attributes which make God God], did not think this equality with God was a thing to be eagerly grasped or retained, 7 But stripped Himself [of all privileges and rightful dignity], so as to assume the guise of a servant (slave), in that He became like men and was born a human being."

Philippians 2:5-8 MSG

"Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself. He had equal status with God but didn't think so much of himself that he had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what. Not at all. When the time came, he set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave, became human! Having become human, he stayed human. It was an incredibly humbling process. He didn't claim special privileges. Instead, he lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death—and the worst kind of death at that—a crucifixion."

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- Jesus set aside all the advantage and came here as a man.
- Everything Jesus did, while on this earth, he did as a man. He functioned in the delegated authority of man, anointed by God!

According to **Luke 2:52** Jesus had to increase in the things of God, as we do, by growing in them. **“And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.”**

- Increasing in these things assisted Jesus in His ministry. It wasn't until He was baptized in water and the Holy Spirit that He could step into the dominion and authority delegated to mankind.

Matthew 3:13-15 NKJV

13 “Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. 14 And John tried to prevent Him, saying, “I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?” 15 But Jesus answered and said to him, “Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he allowed Him.”

- We didn't see Jesus operating in the Authority until he fulfilled all righteousness and was baptized and anointed with the Holy Ghost and power. (**Acts10:38**)
- After Jesus was baptized and was led out into the wilderness to be tested, scripture says in Luke 4, He came back into Galilee in the power of the Spirit.

Luke 4:14-15 NKJV

“Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region. And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.”

- Jesus' ministry began, and we could see great power and authority.

Mark 4:35-41 AMPC

“On that same day [when] evening had come, He said to them, Let us go over to the other side [of the lake]. And leaving the throng, they took Him with them, [just] as He was, in the boat [in which He was sitting]. And other boats were with Him. And a furious storm of wind [of hurricane proportions] arose, and the waves kept beating into the boat, so that it was already becoming filled. But He [Himself] was in the stern [of the boat], asleep on the [leather] cushion; and they awoke Him and said to Him, Master, do You not care that we are perishing? And He arose and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, Hush now! Be still (muzzled)! And the wind ceased (sank to rest as if exhausted by its beating) and there was [immediately] a great calm (a perfect peacefulness). He said to them, Why are you so timid and fearful? How is it that you have no faith (no firmly relying trust)? And they were filled with great awe and feared exceedingly and said one to another, Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey Him?”

- I like v41 in TPT...it uses the right rendition. TPT uses the word “authority” in their description of what kind of man can calm a storm.

Mark 4:41 TPT

“But they were overwhelmed with fear and awe and said to one another, “Who is this man who has such authority that even the wind and waves obey him?””

- We all know the story of Jesus walking on the water. (Share the story) **Matt. 14:22-33**
- After Jesus and Peter make it back to the boat and they get in the boat, the wind immediately ceased!

Matthew 14:32 NKJV

“And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.”

- I believe this verse is so interesting. Why did the wind cease? The very elements could recognize the authority.
- Another example of authority exercised by faith is found in Marks gospel, the 11th chapter.

Mark 11:12-14, 20-21 NKJV

“Now the next day, when they had come out from Bethany, He was hungry. And seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves, He went to see if perhaps He would find something on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. In response Jesus said to it, “Let no one eat fruit from you ever again.” And His disciples heard it. Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. And Peter, remembering, said to Him, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away.””

- Now Jesus shares the spiritual principle of what happened to the fig tree. He did so by taking authority and by faith, releasing the power to govern (move or change matter in this physical world).
- Remember, the world was framed and is being upheld by the power of God’s word.

Mark 11:22-23 NKJV

“So Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.”

- We take our authority by faith, saying and releasing the power of God. The principle that governs faith is - **it has to be in your heart and mouth.**

Mark 11:27-33 NKJV

27 “Then they came again to Jerusalem. And as He was walking in the temple, the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders came to Him. 28 And they said to Him, “By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority to do these things?” 29 But Jesus answered and said to them, “I also will ask you one question; then answer Me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things: 30 The baptism of John—was it from heaven or from men? Answer Me.” 31 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ He will say, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ 32 But if we say, ‘From men’ ”—they feared the people, for all counted John to have been a prophet indeed. 33 So they answered and said to Jesus, “We do not know.” And Jesus answered and said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.””

- We can see now, how our authority is released by the power of the spoken word in faith.
- We can see it clearly in the encounter with the centurion soldier.

Matthew 8:5-10 NKJV

5 “Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, 6 saying, “Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented.” 7 And Jesus said to him, “I will come and heal him.” 8 The centurion answered and said, “Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. 9 For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” 10 When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, “Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!”

- In v-13, it says that his servant was healed from being paralyzed, that same hour.

John 10:31-39 NKJV

31 “Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. 32 Jesus answered them, “Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?” 33 The Jews answered Him, saying, “For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God.” 34 Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your law, ‘I said, “You are gods” ’? 35 If He called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken), 36 do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’? 37 If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; 38 but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him.” 39 herefore they sought again to seize Him, but He escaped out of their hand.”

- Remember earlier in this study, Jesus was making reference to the scripture in Psalms 82.

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3 Defend the poor and fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted and needy. 4 Deliver the poor and needy; Free them from the hand of the wicked. 5 They do not know, nor do they understand; They walk about in darkness; All the foundations of the earth are unstable. 6 I said, “You are gods, And all of you are children of the Most High.”

- Notice in John 10:34 - Jesus tied the works he was doing to the fact that we, as mankind, were created as gods with the little g (as principle directors over God’s creation) and as His children (sons & daughters of the Most High).
- Jesus’ entire ministry was carried out through authority.
- During Jesus’ ministry here, He appointed disciples, gave them authority and breathed on them the Holy Spirit.

Luke 9:1-2 NKJV

1 “Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. 2 He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.”

- Jesus also appoints and commissions 70 more disciples and gave them authority to cast out devils and to heal the sick.

Luke 10:1, 9, 19

1 “After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go.

9 And heal the sick there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’

19 “Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.”

- 1-power GRK word “exousia” means authority.
- 2-power GRK word “dunamis” might; strength; power; ability
- Jesus gave the authority and the power to cast out devils and to heal the sick to the 82 disciples. He actually gave them power, over all of the enemy’s might strength and ability.

Luke 10:17-20 NKJV

“Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.” And He said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 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. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.””

- Pre-crucifixion, Jesus was revealing to his followers what ministry would be like after His death and resurrection.

3. New Creation's delegated authority

- Jesus went to the cross paying the penalty and debt of the fall of mankind.
- By doing so, He redeemed mankind (Ephesians 1:7); He fulfilled the law (Matt. 5:17; Gal. 3:13); He ratified the covenant (Hebrews 9:16-28); He brought man into reconciliation with God (2 Corinthians 5:18), which now allows man to step into their created position that God intended for all eternity (to rule and reign with Him as sons & daughters over the works of His hands).
- Now that we have been born again and reconciled to God, all things are of God. We are a new creation, and old things have passed away and all is new!

II Corinthians 5:17-18 NKJV

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,"

- Jesus has now been given all authority in heaven and on the earth.

Matthew 28:16-20 AMPC

"Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed and made appointment with them. And when they saw Him, they fell down and worshiped Him; but some doubted. Jesus approached and, breaking the silence, said to them, **All authority (all power of rule) in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.** Go then and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you, and behold, I am with you all the days (perpetually, uniformly, and on every occasion), to the [very] close and consummation of the age. Amen (so let it be)."

Hebrews 2:5-9

⁵ For He has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels. ⁶ But one testified in a certain place, saying: "What is man that You are mindful of him, Or the son of man that You take care of him?"

⁷ You have made him [Ⓜ]a little lower than the angels;

You have crowned him with glory and honor,

[Ⓜ]And set him over the works of Your hands.

⁸ You have put all things in subjection under his feet." For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing *that is* not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him. ⁹ But we see Jesus, who was made [Ⓜ]a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.

Romans 8:14-19 AMPC

14 "For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

15 For [the Spirit which] you have now received [is] not a spirit of slavery to put you once more in bondage to fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption [the Spirit producing sonship] in [the bliss of] which we cry, Abba (Father)! Father! 16 The Spirit Himself [thus] testifies together with our own spirit, [assuring us] that we are children of God.

17 And if we are [His] children, then we are [His] heirs also: heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ [sharing His inheritance with Him]; only we must share His suffering if we are to share His glory. 18 [But what of that?] For I consider that the sufferings of this present time (this present life) are not worth being compared with the glory that is about to be revealed to us and in us and for us and conferred on us! 19 For [even the whole] creation (all nature) waits expectantly and longs earnestly for God's sons to be made known [waits for the revealing, the disclosing of their sonship]."

- All of creation is waiting for the sons and daughters of God to step up and take their delegated authority in Christ and disclose their sonship...that they are truly the children and heirs of God!
- As many are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons and daughters.
- The Spirit of God will lead us into truth that will liberate us and allow us to access everything in the heavenly realm by our delegated authority, through faith.

John 16:13-15 AMPC

13 "But when He, the Spirit of Truth (the Truth-giving Spirit) comes, He will guide you into all the Truth (the whole, full Truth). For He will not speak His own message [on His own authority]; but He will tell whatever He hears [from the Father; He will give the message that has been given to Him], and He will announce and declare to you the things that are to come [that will happen in the future]. 14 He will honor and glorify Me, because He will take of (receive, draw upon) what is Mine and will reveal (declare, disclose, transmit) it to you. 15 Everything that the Father has is Mine. That is what I meant when I said that He [the Spirit] will take the things that are Mine and will reveal (declare, disclose, transmit) it to you."

- After Jesus was baptized and anointed with the Holy Spirit and with Power, Holy Spirit lead his life.
- Being led by the Spirit was evident in the life, ministry and authority of Jesus!

pppJohn 5:19

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19 So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.

John 8:28

28 So Jesus said to them, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me.

John 14:10

10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

John 16:23-24 NKJV

“And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.”

- In His name, the name of Jesus, we have all authority.
- Just like the 12 and the 70, Jesus has commissioned us to go in His name and has delegated His authority to us.

Mark 16:15-18 NKJV

15 “And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. 17 And these signs will follow those who believe: 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.””

- Let me point out to you that when Jesus appointed the 12 and the 70 and commissioned them, Jesus had not been to the cross and resurrected yet. Meaning, they were not born again.
- How much more powerful is the authority exercised by a blood bought, blood washed, child of God, that has been baptized in the Holy Ghost?
- As a child of God, who has the Holy Spirit in them and on them, signs and wonders should follow.

- Be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and take your position as a son and daughter of God. Take authority in the name of Jesus.

Ephesians 4:21-24 NKJV

“if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.”

Let’s look at some examples of the New Creation operating in delegated authority, or you could say - operating in the believer’s authority!

Acts 14:8-10 NKJV

8“And in Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother’s womb, who had never walked. 9 This man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, 10 said with a loud voice, “Stand up straight on your feet!” And he leaped and walked.”

- Notice, Paul perceived the man had faith to be healed, and then he boldly released a command, with and in, the authority. “Stand up straight on your feet!” And the Word of God said he leaped and walked!

Acts 14:11-18 NKJV

11 “Now when the people saw what Paul had done, they raised their voices, saying in the Lycaonian language, “The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!” 12 And Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. 13 Then the priest of Zeus, whose temple was in front of their city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates, intending to sacrifice with the multitudes. 14 But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard this, they tore their clothes and ran in among the multitude, crying out 15 and saying, “Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them, 16 who in bygone generations allowed all nations to walk in their own ways. 17 Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.” 18 And with these sayings they could scarcely restrain the multitudes from sacrificing to them.”

Acts 16:16-18 NKJV

16 “Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. 17 This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, “These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation.” 18 And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And he came out that very hour.”

- Here how did Paul cast out the demon of divination? He commanded with authority.

Remember we learned the meaning of authority earlier in this course:

- **Authority** - Legal power, or a right to command or to act; Power; rule; sway.
- Paul commanded the spirit to come out and it obeyed- why, because of authority - the legal power and right to command!

Acts 19:11-12 NKJV

11 “Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul,

12 so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them.”

- How did God work unusual Miracles by the hand of Paul? Through the authority that was delegated to the new creation.
- Miracles and unusual miracles happen by the power and presence of God, that moves at the command of authority in faith!

Acts 19:13-17 NKJV

13 “Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, “We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches.” 14 Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so. 15 And the evil spirit answered and said, “Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?” 16 Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. 17 This became known both to all Jews and Greeks dwelling in Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.”

- Why couldn't the seven sons of Sceva, the exorcist, cast out the evil spirit?
- Because they were not in the new creation, they did not know and have a relationship with Jesus. They were not the righteousness of God in right standing with Him.
- They could not take authority because they had no legal right or power.
- In v-13 it reveals, that they took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches."
- KJV says, "we adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth."
- Delegated Authority in Christ can raise the dead - remember Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead.
- Did Jesus do raise Lazarus from the dead as God or as a man anointed by God with authority? As a man anointed by God with authority
- Paul raised a young man from the dead.

Acts 20:9-10 TPT

9 "Sitting in an open window listening was a young man named Eutychus. As Paul's sermon dragged on, Eutychus became drowsy and fell into a deep slumber. Sound asleep, he fell three stories to his death below. 10 Paul went downstairs, bent over the boy, and embraced him. Taking him in his arms, he said to all the people gathered, "Stop your worrying. He's come back to life!"

Acts 28:8-9 NKJV

8 "And it happened that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and dysentery. Paul went in to him and prayed, and he laid his hands on him and healed him. 9 So when this was done, the rest of those on the island who had diseases also came and were healed."

Acts 5:12 NKJV

"And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch."

All these miracles, signs and wonders happened because the apostles were:

- Righteous-right standing with God through Christ.
- They were baptized with the Holy Spirit and power.
- They were acting and commanding on God's behalf with delegated authority.

- We can see in the great commission. Jesus is commanding the church to go in His name and preach the gospel, cast out devils, heal the sick, and expect to see signs and wonders and miracles.

Mark 16:15-20 NKJV

15 "And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. 17 And these signs will follow those who believe: 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." 19 So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.

20 And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen."

- Jesus commissioned the church into their delegated authority. He commanded them to go to Jerusalem and wait on the promise of the Spirit, to receive power from on High!

- The time frame that the commission is given in mark chapter 16, is the same time Jesus commanded them to go to Jerusalem and wait on the Spirit in Acts 1. It all transpired after His resurrection and before he ascended on high to take His place at the right hand of the Father.

Acts 1:1-5 NKJV

1 "The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, 2 until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, 3 to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. 4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.""

- You will need the Holy Spirit to walk in delegated authority, and to fulfill the great commission.

Hebrews 2:5-9 NKJV

5 “For He has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels. 6 But one testified in a certain place, saying: 7 “What is man that You are mindful of him, Or the son of man that You take care of him? You have made him a little lower than the angels; You have crowned him with glory and honor, And set him over the works of Your hands.

8 You have put all things in subjection under his feet.” For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him.

[**Hebrews 2:8 TPT** “For you have placed everything under his authority. This means that God has left nothing outside the control of his Son, even if presently we have yet to see this accomplished.”]

9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.”

- We have been given authority through Christ! We may not see everything under His Authority but it has been placed under His authority.
- This is why all creation is waiting for the sons and daughters of God to be made manifest, and subdue things, and place things that are off their foundations, under His feet.