

Our God-Given Authority

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Hello! This is Dorothy -

Did you know that every believer has a God-given authority to effect the kingdom of God? Sometimes we think, “Well, I cannot even get my children to obey!” We do not realize what God has invested in the child of God. It tells us in **Hebrews 7:16**, speaking of our Lord - . . . **the power of an endless life.** . . Being under His authority is the same as being filled or controlled by the Holy Spirit. In other words, that is the authority we need to submit to. That is the authority that not only do we submit to, but we believe what the Lord is going to do in and through us.

You know, our Lord Jesus Christ, when He came to this earth came not only for what you think He only came for — to die on the Cross — but we forget all the things He accomplished. He came to destroy the works of the devil. He came to save man from the power of evil.

He came . . . **to heal the broken-hearted.** . . That could be you at this moment or some life that you are reaching out to. He is a Healer.

He came . . . **to preach deliverance to the captives.** . . How many people are you aware of that are captive? They are bound. I do not care whether it is drink and drugs or sex or if you can put a title on it; they are captive! He came to deliver them. He came for . . . **the recovering**

of sight to the blind. . . I think there is a blindness upon our age as never before. We are living as if there is only today to exist and we have no idea of what is happening in the world. We are insensitive to what the Word of God is showing is going to be happening in the tomorrows. Somehow we live a life unrelated to the kingdom of God. He also came . . . **to set at liberty them that are bruised. . .** He came . . . **to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.**

May our Lord grant us to enter into the eternal triumphs of Christ's death and resurrection. He came that you and I, in the Name of Jesus, can resist, rebuke, bind and even cast out the enemy, if need be. We have been so often taken over by the satanic inroads surrounding us to live a style of life that has every presentation of being Christian, but there is no power; there is no resurrection; there is no access to the throne of God.

We do not even realize there is a verse in **Psalm 140:7** -

7 O God the Lord, the strength of my salvation, thou hast covered my head in the day of battle. So we go out to do battle and we handle things: our tongues or perhaps our emotions or our minds or our weariness. We do not even understand that these are verses that are relevant to our situation. You know, through the death, burial and resurrection and ascension of our victorious Lord Jesus Christ, we have been delivered from Satan's bondage. Yet, we live as if we have to

put up with this bondage.

We have been seated in the very heavenlies with Christ, as we take our place in Him. In **Ephesians 1:21, 22**, God has **raised Him** –

21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church.

When our Lord Jesus Christ victoriously shouted from the Cross in His finished work, **It is finished**, He descended into Hell and we read in **Ephesians 4:8** -

8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. He killed death dead!

Also, He raised in His triumph that He might in the Church of Jesus give gifts not to promote people nor to draw attention to what gift a man or a woman might have in the Church. These gifts are all part of His amazing plan for the Church of Jesus Christ of which He is the Head, that we might move as one, triumphant against all the forces of darkness.

In **2 Corinthians 10**, we read -

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh.

That is where most problems come in: warring against the flesh.

4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal. . . - they are not things you can pick up and touch, such as the flesh - . . . but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds;) There are strongholds of satanic infiltration around your house, around even your church or where you work. There are strongholds that need to be pulled down in the Name of Jesus, but we do not even understand our position and our authority in Christ. Therefore, we have to do what the Word of God says -

5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

In Jesus' Name, are you willing for this? Are you willing to see His purposes of why you are in Him? Oh, do write. We are here as your servants in Christ that glory goes to Jesus alone.

In whose Name we praise Him. Amen.