

The authority of a believer is a very important aspect of a believer's life in regard to becoming all that the Lord will have them be. The believer's authority is one of the possessions we have as believers. *2 Peter 1:3* says that we have received all things from the Lord and our authority is part of it. One of the things that we need to be successful in the battle for our hearts currently going on, is our authority. We need to know as believers that it is who we give consent to, the devil or the Lord, that will have authority over us.

### What is this authority that God has given unto us?

This is a delegated power. The value of that power depends on the force behind the authority. An example, if I stand outside where cars are running and I raise my hand, initially they will stop, but when they access me and see I am an ordinary citizen, they will drive passed or may even hit me. However, if I had a police uniform, they will stop because they do not want to have a criminal record. This is the same with a believer. The opposition we are fighting also has a backing, *Ephesians 6:12*. However, the believer has a mightier authority backing them up. *Ecclesiastes 10:7* shows a scenario where a prince is walking on the ground while a servant is on a horse. This is because the prince most likely does not know who he is. This is the same for a believer who does not know who he is.

### Where did we get this authority from? *Ephesians 1:17-23*.

This scripture shows that the resurrection of Jesus from the dead was a showcase of the authority that God has. The first exhibition of that authority was in Christ rising from the dead. When Christ died, there were oppositions that would want to prevent him from rising from the dead, but God broke all forms of resistance, *Psalms 118:1-18*. When God raised Christ from the dead, we were raised together with Him, *Ephesians 2:1*. Hence we are partakers of what He got from the raising from the dead, *Romans 8:17*. When this event happened, we were included in the plans of God. The major reason why Christ died was for us. Hence, when a believer comes in contact with the cross, at that point in time, an exchange happens, and authority is conferred on him. How did we come in contact with the cross, *Ephesians 1:19* says the authority is towards those who believe. There was no additional work needed. *Ephesians 2:6* says Christ and His body are seated at the right hand of God in authority. The right hand of God is where the authority is. Jesus said all authority has been given unto me, *Matthew 28:18-20*. *Hebrews 8:1* shows this, that the right hand of God is the place of authority. Hence *Psalms 110:1* says sit at my right hand while I make your enemies your footstool. The death of Christ was a mighty event and a lot of things are locked up in that mystery, that the Son of God came as a man to die to redeem men to God. *Psalms 20:6*, *Psalms 98:1*, *Psalms 138:7*, *Exodus 15:6*, *Isaiah 41:10*, *Psalms 118:16* shows the power in the right hand of God. It is important to understand this so that we do not live as slaves when we are kings and priests. The body is not separate from the head.

### What do we have authority over?

God gave the man Christ authority over all things, Head and Body.

1. **We have the right to claim that we are the Sons of God. *Romans 8:14-17*.**  
The enemy comes to bring a lot of intimidation and sometimes the believers believe this. You have the authority to claim you are an heir of God and I am a joint heir with Christ. Christ seated at the right hand of God has given us the right to claim that we are sons of God, hence no devil can or should intimidate us.
2. **Go into all the nations to make disciples. *Matthew 28:18-20*.**

If you are a believer, you have the right to talk to people and to tell them of Jesus. We need to understand this as believers. A lot of people are under the influence of the enemy and they need rescuing. We have the right to rescue them.

3. **We have the right to approach the throne of grace. *Hebrews 4:16***

Anything we have boldness to do is because of a knowledge of a right. We have boldness to go to the throne of grace and find mercy. The Lord is eagerly awaiting us. No body is going to say, who gave you the right to approach God. Hence condemnation or guilt does not have power over you. This helps us to understand God is always willing to hear us and He always does.

4. **Power over all the powers of the enemy. *Luke 10:17-19***

We do not have authority over half or quarter of the powers of the enemy, the enemies including demons, devils, death. Gather all the powers of the enemy together, we have a power much greater and nothing can hurt us. We have an authority backed with a greater force that cannot be conquered. This force was what created the world and all we can see from that which is not seen, *Hebrews 11:3*. It is the same force that raised Lazarus, a person dead from 4 days, *John 11*. It is this same force, the right hand of God which does valiantly. If Christ is set at the right hand of God and we claim we are His body, that means we are sharing the same throne of Christ. This means we have the same authority. Any word that is said regarding Jesus is said regarding you. **Go through the scripture, any word that has been said regarding Jesus, the same word is said regarding you and you need to claim those words.** *Revelations 2:26-27* shows this. At the end of the day there is union where Christ is joined with His body, never to be separated. If David and Enoch could tap into the blessings of the age to come, what are we doing that we cannot partake of this same blessing?

The day we came into contact with the cross, when we believed and accepted Jesus, that day Jesus gave us a backing and authority that cannot be conquered. Knowing this, it is necessary that we exercise our right and authority over all things. If you are finding it hard to work with God, we need to exercise our authority in Him. One of the ways we crystalize this into our self is through meditation and confession. From observation, 70% of believers have not understood the authority given to them. Confess it to yourself daily until this moves from mental knowledge to knowledge that is in your heart.

*2 Peter 1:3-4 KJV*

*According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: [4] Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

*The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your Spirit.*