



Authority of the Believer
Lesson 1: Delegated Authority and Power

1. Prayer in Ephesians

Ephesians 1:16-23

This passages of scripture is a prayer that was prayed by Paul the Apostle for the believers in Ephesus.

Wherever Paul says “you” – you can put yourself and say “me”

In this class, we are going to study the authority of the believer.

Jesus was fully God but, He was also fully man. He was human and had limitations that go along with his humanity. This is why Jesus needed to pray.

Jesus did not possess more divine power than is available to us today. What is the difference?

Jesus knew what _____

2. Knowing your authority

Many Christians do not know their authority and therefore do not use it. Jesus has delegated his authority to us. It is not enough that he has delegated authority to us, we must know what belongs to us.

Ephesians 6:12

Although we wrestle against these things, we must realize that we have authority over them.

The authority that we are going to learn about in this course in the true possession of every child of God, not just a few..

Ephesians 1:3

In other words, in Christ, all spiritual blessings belong to us.

Sometimes we say things like, “He is especially blessed by God.”

In reality, that is not true. We are all blessed with every spiritual blessing! Nobody has a corner on it.

The difference is that some are living in it and enjoying it while others are not.

Knowledge of what God has blessed us with is not enough. _____

The devil does not want you walking in authority.

So he makes the knowledge of your authority obscure. He knows that once you discover and understand your authority – you will be walking in victory over him!

John 8:32

It is not only the truth that makes you free. It is knowing the truth and acting on the truth.

Luke 10:19

3. Illustration of authority

A policeman directing traffic is a picture of the authority we have as a believer.

Why do we stop? – _____

Did you know the devil recognizes authority too?

We have authority to stand our ground against the devil.

There is no reason for the devil to have me on the run. He should be running from me!

Where did the policeman get that authority? – _____

4. Delegated authority and power

Definition of AUTHORITY: _____

Ephesians 6:10

Notice this does not say for you to strong in your own strength.

We are supposed to be strong “in the Lord”.

How can you be strong in the Lord? – You have delegated power. That power is in Him. But He gave it to you.

The value of the authority depends on the _____

For example – the policeman has authority and the power behind his authority is the full weight of the law.

If you go out in the middle of traffic, with no badge or uniform, what will happen to you? You have nothing backing you up.

Luke 10:19

If a believer is conscious of two things, he can face the enemy with no fear!

- The divine power behind him

- _____

1 John 4:4

Why is this true?

Jesus lives in you and He has already overcome the devil. Also, He has given you that authority.

5. The head and the body

Matthew 28:18

He is the Head and we are the Body.

The authority must be activated through the Body.

The _____ Jesus has on this earth is through His Body.

Ephesians 1:22

Notice that Jesus is the Head.

Who are the feet? – Not Jesus. He is the head.

The feet represent the church – _____

Ephesians 1:20**Ephesians 2:5, 6**

This is not something God is going to do. He has already done it.

The “right hand” denotes a place of authority

6. John Alexander Dowie

John Alexander Dowie was a great healing evangelist at the turn of the century.

There is a story about a woman had a malignant tumor growing on the side of her face – almost the size of another head.

He took hold of it, in the name of Jesus, and pulled it right off of her face.

Doctors were present and confirmed brand new skin.

How could he do this? He understood his authority and operated in great faith.

He also crossed the ocean fourteen times in his life.

Many times there were great storms. Every time a storm came he rebuked it and it would cease.

Anyone can walk in this kind of authority.

It is for every believer.

7. Our identification with Christ. He is the Head and we are the Body.**Ephesians 1:19, 20**

The mightiest working of God’s power was when the Holy Spirit raised Jesus from the dead.

Romans 8:11**Ephesians 1:21, 22**

Every principality, power, might, dominion – all of the powers of Satan tried to defeat Jesus – but He rose from the dead!

He was made alive. He ascended into heaven and He is seated at the right hand of the Father – a place of authority.

Ephesians 2:1-6

When Christ was made alive, _____

When He was raised, _____

I am sitting together with Christ in heavenly places!

This is already done. It is completed in the eyes of God.

Ephesians 1:21

This is where Christ is seated. _____

Far above all demonic spirits.

Many Christians do not understand this.

They do not understand their _____

If we lived and prayed from a revelation of our position in Christ, no demon would be able to stand against us.

Ephesians 1:21, 22

Christ was raised and I was raised.

The Head and the Body were both raised.

Jesus was raised and seated at the right hand of the Father far above all demon powers. This shows us Christ's authority. The Head has authority.

However, you _____ the Head from the Body.

When Jesus (the Head) was raised and seated – we (the Body) were also raised and seated.

You and I, as believers, have authority over the devil.

We, as the Body, are Christ. We are Christ. We are the Body of Christ.

If we would get a revelation of the authority we have, we would rise up and do the works of Christ.

We are seated with Christ.

Wherever He is seated – that is where we are seated.

Wherever the Head is – the Body will be in the same place.

He is seated at the right hand of the throne of God

That authority belongs to us! We were made to sit with Him on His throne.

That means – without question – _____

We can exercise that authority over Satan.