



SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY SERIES

Part One: "Revelation Determines Elevation"

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"No weapon turned against you will succeed. You will silence every voice raised up to accuse you. These benefits are enjoyed by the servants of the LORD; their vindication will come from me." Isaiah 54:17 (NLT)

► _____ **our authority in Christ is the key to experiencing a life of _____.**

THE NEXT LEVEL OF _____ IN YOUR LIFE

"Ever since I first heard of your strong faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for God's people everywhere...I pray for you constantly, asking God...to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God. I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called... I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else.... God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church. And the church is his body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with himself." Ephesians 1:15-23 (NIV)

THREE _____ CONCERNING AUTHORITY

1. Jesus Christ has all _____ in heaven and in earth.

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me..." Matthew 28:18 (NIV)

2. Believers are the _____ of Christ's authority.

"God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church." Eph. 1:22 (NLT)

Revelation (Cont'd)

"But because of his great love for us, God... raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus." Ephesians 2:4-6 (NIV)

3. Once we know our authority, we can walk in _____.

"My people are ruined because they don't know what's right or true." Hosea 4:6 (MSG)

"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." Luke 10:19 (NKJV)

"No harm befalls the righteous, but the wicked have their fill of trouble." Proverbs 12:21 (NIV)

"Who can separate us from the love of Christ? Can affliction or anguish or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ...No, in all these things we are more than victorious through Him who loved us." Romans 8:35, 37 (HCSB)

FATHER GOD, I praise you for the revelation of Christ and my place in Him. Lord, position me today in the victory you have over the world and the enemy. Fill me with heaven's power, and teach me to walk in your authority every day. In Christ's name, AMEN

RESOURCES FOR THIS WEEK'S SMALL GROUPS

Icebreaker: Share a time when you used your authority in Christ to overcome a spiritual problem.

Scripture Focus: Let each member share a verse from this teaching--one that spoke to them personally. What does it mean to them?

Discussion Focus: How can we walk in greater spiritual authority this week at school, at home or at work?

Prayer Focus: Pray for each one to enter the next level of authority.

REMEMBER to give an offering for the needy in your group this week, for God has promised us a rich reward (Det. 15:11, Psalm 41:1)