

The Truth About the Authority of the Believer (Part 2)

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Scriptures:

- Ephesians 2:6
- Luke 10:19
- Acts 16:25, 26
- Acts 13:7-12
- Acts 28:1-6
- 1 John 4:17
- Philippians 4:13

Summary:

As believers, our authority comes from our identity in Jesus Christ. We're righteous, forgiven, healed, and one with God. It's imperative that we know who we are; if not, we must renew our minds to our true identity. A successful Christian life flows from understanding that we're not what we do, but who God says we are; believing this eventually impacts our behavior for the better. Operating in our identity as God's children gives us the same power and ability that Christ holds. Faith in this saves us from useless self-effort to do what is already done. Allowing God to change our thinking results in life-changing transformation in us.

Notes:

1. We have the right to be on the same level as God, and to reflect the exact image of Jesus Christ.
2. Under the new covenant, authority isn't something we have to fight for or "work up," but something we've already been given because of our union with Christ.
3. We don't have to work hard to get God to move on our behalf; He has *already* moved. All we need to do is to align ourselves with Him. This involves relocating ourselves mentally from religion to the truth of the Gospel of Grace.
4. Our identity as God's children gives us authority in both the spiritual and the natural realms.
5. We resist negative emotions by standing on the executive authority God gave us.
6. When Paul and Silas prayed from their jail cell, they weren't begging God to release them, but thanking and praising Him for what He had already done.

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