



Word of God Ministry Church Under The Son

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Authority

The biblical concept of authority refers to the rightful power to act, possess, or control. The Bible affirms that ultimately the only One with this rightful power is God, the Creator of all. He, in turn, has given authority to other agents under His direction for specific circumstances. Therefore, our submission to authority in all realms of life is part of our obedience to God.

- Authority Of God

Exodus 15:18¹⁸ "The Lord shall reign forever and ever."

God's authority is described in regal terms. There are no limits to His kingship over all creation. He is described, in both the Old and New Testaments, as a potter who chooses to create, fashion, or mold each lump of clay as He sees fit (Jeremiah 18:6; Romans 9:21). As such, the creation does not have the right to question the Creator's design or direction. Rather, the creation fulfills the purpose for which it is created. You are most satisfied in your life when you are living out God's purpose and design for you.

God is the final authority for all people. All who have ever lived will have to account for their lives and for their relationship to God. For those who accept Christ, God's final judgment will bring eternal joy in His presence. For those who reject the authority of God, there is eternal pain and suffering.

- Authority Of Jesus Christ

John 5:19¹⁹ "Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner."

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Jesus Christ is part of the Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit). As God, Jesus has all authority over heaven and earth (Matthew 28:18). While on earth, Jesus demonstrated His authority over many aspects of the physical and spiritual world. He turned water into wine, calmed a fierce storm, and multiplied a few loaves and fishes into enough to feed thousands of people. Jesus had authority over the human body and healed lepers, the blind, and the sick. He demonstrated His authority over the spirit-world by casting out demons. Most important, Jesus has authority over death itself. He raised people from the dead and was also raised from the dead Himself.

- Authority Of The Bible

Luke 24:44-47 ⁴⁴Then He said to them, “These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and Psalms concerning Me.” ⁴⁵And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. ⁴⁶Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Throughout the Bible, the authority of Scripture is clear. The Bible contains the written messages of God, which reflect His heart and mind regarding His creation. Though it was written over thousands of years and had many human writers, the Holy Spirit gave the inspiration for its consistent and cohesive content. *2 Timothy 3:16, 17* says: “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” The Bible declares that its contents form the definitive guide for all believers and that it is the final standard for faith and practice.

- Humankind’s Authority Over Nature

Psalms 8:4-6 ⁴What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that you visit him? ⁵For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor. ⁶You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet,

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As an extension of God's authority over all of creation, He has delegated limited authority to people to manage His creation. Made in God's image, Adam and Eve were blessed by God and told, "*Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth*" (Genesis 1:28).

- Authority Delegated To People

Hebrews 13:17 ¹⁷ *Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.*

God's plan for authority has been given in each of these situations: authority within the church (1 Peter 5:1, 2); authority within the home (Ephesians 5:24, 25); authority within the workplace (Ephesians 6:5-9; Colossians 3:22-25); and authority within the civil government (Romans 13:1-7).

Christians are called to exercise authority according to God's Word and to submit willingly to the authority God has placed in our lives.