



**Sunday February 20, 2022**  
**The Believer's Authority (Part-3)**

**Review:**

FIVE DIMENSIONS TO OUR SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY

1. Redemptive Authority : Our Authority Because of Christ's Triumph
2. Inherited Authority : Our Authority As Sons & Daughters of God
3. Positional Authority : Our Authority In Christ
4. Delegated Authority : Our Authority As Christ's Representatives
5. Empowered Authority : Our Authority Through The Anointing

**Today:**

**DELEGATED AUTHORITY : OUR AUTHORITY AS CHRIST'S REPRESENTATIVES**

**Matthew 10:1,7-8**

**1 And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.**

**7 And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'**

**8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.**

The Lord Jesus gave them power. He delegated power. The Greek word is 'exousia' meaning delegated authority. Authority bestowed on a representative who acts on behalf of another to carry out the assignment.

**Luke 10:17,19**

**17 Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."**

**19 Behold, I give you the authority (exousia) to trample on serpents and scorpions and over all the power (dunamis) of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.**

There are two Greek words that are typically translated authority and power: *exousia* meaning "delegated authority" and *dunamis* meaning "ability". In Luke 10:19 Jesus said "I give you *exousia* over all the *dunamis* of the enemy". The delegated authority that is vested in us gives us the right to oppose and overthrow every evil work that the devil can do.



This delegated authority extends to all of us and was not limited just for the apostles.

We state this for the following reasons:

1, In **Matthew 16:18,19** the Lord Jesus clearly expressed that the Church He is building will exercise authority over the powers of darkness. And the Church He is building will have the keys to bind and loose on earth, as it is in heaven. So the Church carries delegated authority.

2, In **Matthew 28:18-20**, as part of the Great Commission, the early disciples were to pass on all that they were commanded, which would include the command to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom, heal and deliver. Hence divine authorization is passed on to us through the Great Commission.

3, In **Mark 16:17-18** the authority to cast out demons and do signs and wonders is in the name of Jesus. Believers today have the right to use the name of Jesus just as the apostles or early disciples did. The name of Jesus has not lost any of its power. We pray in His name, and we also exercise authority in His name.

#### **Mark 16:17-18**

**17 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;**

**18 they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."**

We have delegated authority, that is divine authorization to act in Jesus' place, to do what He would do, to carry out His will and purpose. This is what it means to act "in His name". We exercise our delegated authority as we use His name. "In my name", Jesus said, "they will cast out demons". His name, the name of Jesus is our "badge of authority". As believers we have been given the legal right (the power of attorney, which is delegated authority) to use the name of Jesus. All that has been invested in that name (Philippians 2:9-11) is at our disposal.

#### **HOW DO WE EXERCISE OUR AUTHORITY?**

We primarily exercise authority through the words we speak.

We speak words of command in the name of Jesus.

We will summarize how to do so, in three simple actions:

#1, Resist - Exercising Authority To Protect & Prevent

#2, Bind/Loose/Pull Down - Exercising Authority To Stop Or Destroy

#3, Cast Out - Exercising Authority To Advance



## **Resist**

### **James 4:7**

**Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.**

resist = to stand against, to oppose

“resist” - This indicates that there will be times when we will have to use our authority to stand our ground and defend our God-given territory and counteract any efforts of the enemy to enter in. Satan is like a thief coming to “steal, kill and destroy” but we are not helpless against his efforts. Our God-given authority gives us the ability to successful stand against him.

Example: You say, *‘satan, In Jesus name resist you from touching my body with this sickness. I refuse this sickness and disease and declare that by the stripes of Jesus I am healed. I declare that the Lord has forgiven me of all sins and healed me of all diseases.’*

## **Bind/Loose/Pull Down**

### **Luke 13:11-12**

**11 And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up.**

**12 But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity."**

“bind” – We have the authority to “bind” a certain work, effort, or strategy of the devil. To “bind” a work of the devil is as though we were “tying his hands” and making him inoperative for that task. For example, if there was a situation where you know that there was a definite attack of the devil at a certain time against your marriage, you as a believer can exercise your authority and “bind” the operations or efforts of the enemy in that situation. This will allow you and your spouse to work out or work through the marital problems, implying that you will still have to work out what ever issues there may be. Now does this mean that the devil has been permanently bound off your marriage and you will never again face an attack of the devil in your marriage. You bind the working or efforts of the devil in that situation at that time. This does not mean that those demons are permanently bound forever and ever and that you will never again face a demonic attack in the future.



“loose” – In Luke 13, we read about a woman who had a “spirit of infirmity eighteen years and was bent over” and could not straighten herself up. Jesus said that “Satan has bound” her. When the Lord Jesus exercised His spiritual authority to set her free, He said to the woman, “you are loosed from your infirmity”. To “loose” someone from the work of the devil is to set them free from some form of bondage or captivity. You are exercising your authority to bring release or freedom into that persons’ life. You are “proclaiming liberty to the captives” and setting “at liberty those who are oppressed” (Luke 4:18). You issue a word of command as “In Jesus name you are loosed from this bondage” or you say “Devil, in Jesus name I command you to lose this person and let him/her go free from...”. You address that specific area in which that person may be in bondage, say some sort of addiction, sickness, fear, depression, or other oppression.

“pull down” – as used in 2 Corinthians 10:4-6. Through the authority and the weapons that God has given us we are able to pull down or tear down strongholds. Strongholds are places of power or dominance. This could apply either to an individual, a group of individuals or geographic areas, etc. We know that a stronghold has been pulled down when satan and his demons no longer have the same level of control, power, influence, and dominance in that person(s) or place.

Example, you say: *‘In Jesus name I bind every spirit of confusion and strife from affecting my home and family. In Jesus name I destroy the works of the enemy. I declare that there will be the voice of rejoicing and salvation in my home’*

### **Cast Out**

#### **Matthew 8:16**

**When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick,**

This has to do with evicting or expelling demonic powers from their immediate habitation. We use our God-given authority and force the demon(s) to leave a certain person or place where that demon(s) has been residing.

Side Note: we are not casting the demon(s) out of the earth nor are we sending them to hell (their place of torment – Matthew 25:41). That will take place at the appointed time. Jesus said that when a demon spirit is cast out of a person the spirit “goes through dry places, seeking rest” (Matthew 12:43). This implies that the demon spirit is not sent to hell when cast out of a person.



Example when ministering to a person, you say *'In Jesus name I command every spirit of infirmity, every spirit of pain and every spirit of arthritis to leave now. I command, healing and wholeness for this person in Jesus name'*.

### **USE THE NAME OF JESUS AND THE WORD OF GOD'S WORD**

Always speak in the name of Jesus and speak the Word of God, say what the Word of God says about that situation. The Word of God is the sword of the Spirit.

### **SALVATION CALL**

If you ask, does God love me? We can tell you what the Bible says: John 3:16, Romans 5:8

If you ask, how can I have my sins forgiven? We can tell you what the Bible says: Acts 10:43; 1 John 2:2,12

If you ask, what is the way to God? We can tell you what the Bible says: John 14:6

If you ask, how can I become a child of God? We can tell you what the Bible says: John 1:12

If you ask, where can I find salvation? We can tell you what the Bible says: Acts 4:12

If you ask, what must I do to experience salvation? We can tell you what the Bible says: Acts 16:30-31

As an act of your own free choice, we invite you to make this decision to follow Jesus.

### **SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY TIME**

**Minister as the Spirit leads**



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

**Sunday February 20, 2022**  
**The Believer's Authority (Part-3)**

The is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

**Preparation**

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full-length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our [sermons page](#) . Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

**Welcome**

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

**LISTEN to God's Word**

Read the following Scripture reference: *Matthew 10:1,7-8; Luke10:17,19; Mark 16:17-18*

**INVESTIGATE God's Word Together**

Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

*1, Discuss "Delegated Authority" – explaining what this means/implies. Do believers today have the same delegated authority in Jesus' name, as believers in New Testament times?*

*2, Discuss the 3 ways we can exercise authority. Relate it to practical scenarios:*

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*#2, Bind/Loose/Pull Down - Exercising Authority To Stop Or Destroy*

*#3, Cast Out - Exercising Authority To Advance*



If time permits, each one can take a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

**FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey**

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

**ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another**

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

- 1, families to be protected and strengthened*
- 2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.*
- 3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for God's hand to guide us through the land search and acquisition process, and for finances to be more than enough to get this project done.*

Close by thanking God together.



**USEFUL RESOURCES**



Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

**YOUTUBE:** <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

**WEBSITE:** <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

**CHURCH:** <https://apcwo.org>

**FREE SERMONS:** <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

**FREE BOOKS:** <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

**DAILY DEVOTIONALS:** <https://apcwo.org/resources/daily-devotional>

**JESUS CHRIST:** <https://examiningjesus.com>

**BIBLE COLLEGE:** <https://apcbiblecollege.org>

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**COUNSELING:** <https://chrysalislife.org>

**MUSIC:** <https://apcmusic.org>

**MINISTERS FELLOWSHIP:** <https://pamfi.org>

**CHURCH APP:** <https://apcwo.org/app>

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### **SERMON BRIEF**

As believers in Jesus Christ, we have spiritual authority over satan and his demonic hosts. We have authority vested in us to reign in life, over situations and circumstances and over all that Adam brought us under. In this sermon series we learn about our spiritual authority, what we have authority over and how to exercise spiritual authority.

### **KEYWORDS**

believer's authority, the authority of the believer, spiritual authority, dominion, delegated authority

### **REFERENCES/CITATIONS**

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