

# The Believer's Authority

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Pastor,  
can you explain what you mean by the Authority we are supposed to live in? Many churches don't teach anything about that, and I personally don't think that I'm understanding what you are talking about.

# Authority.

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*plural* au thor i ties

**noun**

## Collegiate Definition

**1a**

: power to influence or command thought, opinion, or behavior

**b**

: freedom granted by one in authority

**2a**

: persons in command

## Genesis 1:26-28 (NIV)

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[28] God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

When they sinned, they relinquished the authority given to them by God, and came under a different authority - the Kingdom of Darkness - thus releasing the curse.

> **Genesis 3:16-19. (the first signs of it:)**

- v. 16 > they no longer ruled in childbirth

- v. 17-19 > the ground no longer would yield

- v. 19 > physical death

## Luke 4:5-7 (NIV)

[5] The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. [6]

And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. [7] So if you worship me, it will all be yours."

## Ephesians 2:1-2 (AMP)

[1] **AND YOU** [He made alive], when you were dead (slain) by [your] trespasses and sins [2] In which at one time you walked [habitually]. You were following the course and fashion of this world [were under the sway of the tendency of this present age], following the prince of the power of the air. [You were obedient to and under the control of] the [demon] spirit that still constantly works in the sons of disobedience [the careless, the rebellious, and the unbelieving, who go against the purposes of God].

## Ephesians 2:3-6 (AMP)

[3] Among these we as well as you once lived and conducted ourselves in the passions of our flesh [our behavior governed by our corrupt and sensual nature], obeying the impulses of the flesh and the thoughts of the mind [our cravings dictated by our senses and our dark imaginings]. We were then by nature children of [God's] wrath and heirs of [His] indignation, like the rest of mankind.

## Ephesians 2:3-6 (AMP)

[4] But God — so rich is He in His mercy! Because of and in order to satisfy the great and wonderful and intense love with which He loved us,  
[5] Even when we were dead (slain) by [our own] shortcomings and trespasses, He made us alive together in fellowship and in union with Christ; [He gave us the very life of Christ Himself, the same new life with which He quickened Him, for] it is by grace (His favor and mercy which you did not deserve) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation).

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[6] And He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together [giving us joint seating with Him] in the heavenly sphere [by virtue of our being] in Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

## 1 Corinthians 15:45-47 (NIV)

[45] So it is written: “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. [46] The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. [47] The first man was of the dust of the earth, the second man from heaven.

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## 1 John 3:8 (NKJV)

[8] He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

a. “Destroy” here means: “to Loosen, or Untangle”

## 2 Timothy 1:9-10 (NIV)

[9] .....This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, [10] but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

a. “Destroy”: “Abolish, Destroy, Do away with, Put away” (Strong’s)



b. Death is a subgroup of sin, because:

c. Death came because of sin (Adam & Eve)  
- Genesis 2:17, 3:19.

> The soul that sins, will die. (Ezekiel 18:20)

> Sin entered the world through one man, and death through that sin. (Romans 5:12)

## Romans 6:6-7 (NIV)

[6] For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— [7] because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.

## Romans 6:12-18 (NIV)

[12] Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. [13] Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. [14] For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.

## Romans 6:12-18 (NIV)

[15] What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! [16] Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? [17] But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted. [18] You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

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# Colossians

2:9-10  
(NIV)

[9] For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form,  
[10] and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority.

# Colossians 2:15 (NIV)

[15] And having disarmed (“Spoiled, Put off”) the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

# Hebrews 2:14-15 (NIV)

[14] Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— [15] and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

a. “Destroy”: “Abolish, Destroy, Do away with, Put away” (Strong’s)

# Revelation

1:18

(NIV)

[18] I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

#3 - He restored the God Given Authority back to the Human race/mankind.

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# John 14:12 (NIV)

[12] I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

(1) Jesus ruled over the physical elements

- Walked on Water
- Cursed the fig tree
- Spoke to and ruled over the weather

(2) Jesus ruled over life and death (physical and spiritual)

- Raised people from the dead

(3) Jesus ruled over laws of nature (listed above)

- Supernatural Transportation. (Disciples in boat)
  - > cf. - Phillip the evangelist. (Acts 8:39)
- Healings
- Miracles
- Gifts of the Spirit

[18] I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. [19] The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed.

**Romans**  
**8:18-22**  
**(NIV)**

[20] For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope [21] that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.

[22] We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

# Romans

## 8:18-22

### (NIV)

[1] He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

(cf. Luke 9:1-2)

# Matthew

## 10:1 (NIV)





# Mark 16:17- 18 (NIV)

[17] And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; [18] they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.”



# Mark 2:9-11 (NIV)

[9] Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? [10] But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins...” He said to the paralytic, [11] “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.”



# John

## 20:21-23

### (NIV)

[21] Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” [22] And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. [23] If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

# Mark

## 3:14-15

### (NIV)

[14] He appointed twelve—designating them apostles—that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach [15] and to have authority to drive out demons.

Mark  
6:7  
(NIV)


[7] Calling the Twelve to him, he sent them out two by two and gave them authority over evil spirits.

Luke 4:36 (NIV)

[36] All the people were amazed and said to each other, “What is this teaching? With authority and power he gives orders to evil spirits and they come out!”

# Luke 9:12 (NIV)

[1] When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, [2] and he sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.



[17] The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name."

[18] He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. [19] I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.

## Luke 10:17-19 (NIV)

# Colossians

## 1:13-14

(NIV)

[13] For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, [14] in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

# Colossians

## 1:16-18 (NIV)

[16] For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. [17] He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. [18] And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

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## Colossians 2:15 (NIV)

[15] And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

# Matthew 16:19 (NIV)

[19] I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loosed on earth will be loosed in heaven.



## Matthew 18:18-20 (NIV)

[18] “I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

[19] “Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.

[20] For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.”

## Luke 10:19 (NIV)

[19] I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.

## Mark 11:23-25 (NIV)

[23] “I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. [24] Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. [25] And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.’”



# Ephesians

## 1:18-2:6

### (NKJV)

[18] the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, [19] and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power

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[20] which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, [21] far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. [22] And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, [23] which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

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[1] And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, [2] in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, [3] among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

# Ephesians

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### (NKJV)

[4] But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, [5] even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), [6] and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

# 1 John 4:17-18 (NKJV)

[17] Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. [18] There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

# 1 Peter 5:8-10 (NKJV)

[8] Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. [9] Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. [10] But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.

a. “Resist” - “Stand against, oppose, resist, withstand” (Strong’s)

[1] What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? [2] You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God. [3] When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

# James

## 4:1-10

### (NIV)

[4] You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. [5] Or do you think Scripture says without reason that the spirit he caused to live in us envies intensely? [6] But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

# James

## 4:1-10

### (NIV)

[7] Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. [8] Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. [9] Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. [10] Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

b. “Resist” - (Same as in 1 Peter 5 - above)

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