

Authority of the Believer 1

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Authority is delegated power, like Power of Attorney.

Is there authority that belongs to us as believers that we are unaware of?

Not using what belongs to you is the same as not having it to begin with.

4 Things About the Authority of the Believer

1. Jesus laid down His authority.
2. God highly exalted Him back to His rightful position and gave Him a name above all names.
3. This authority is valid in three worlds.
4. He conferred the power of His name and authority to the believer.

Philippians 2:5-11 – ⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. ⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him **the name which is above every name**, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those (things or beings) in heaven, and of those (things or beings) on earth, and of those (things or beings) under the earth, ¹¹ and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. *NKJV*

1. Jesus laid down His authority

- Made himself of no reputation
- Took the form of a servant
- Came as a man
- Humbled himself
- Became obedient to the death of the cross
- The Father in me does the works!

2. **God highly exalted Him back to His rightful position and gave Him a name above all names.**

Ephesians 1:19-21 – ¹⁹ and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power 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.
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3. **This authority found in His Name is valid in three worlds**

1. **In Heaven** – Pray to the Father in my name
2. **The Earth** – All power has been. . . go therefore
3. **Under the Earth** – Authority over Satan and the weapons of his kingdom

4. **He conferred the power of His name and authority to the believer**

Luke 10:18-20 - ¹⁸ And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven." *NKJV*

Authority is delegated power.

Jesus gave us **authority** over all the **power or abilities** of the devil.