

# The Authority of the Believer 2

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God's intent from the beginning was that we would walk in **authority** and **dominion** in life.

It is in your DNA to live as an overcomer and to live above the circumstances of life.

**Psalm 8:6** - You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet, *NKJV*

Knowledge isn't enough. Knowledge acted upon brings results.

### Man Lost his Authority

**Genesis 1:26** - Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." *NKJV*

Adam gave or delivered that **authority** and **dominion** to Satan.

**Luke 4:5-8** – <sup>5</sup> The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> So if you worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'" *NIV*

Adam lost his authority through treason, and Jesus got it back through conquest.

**Colossians 2:15** - And having disarmed **the powers and authorities**, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. *NIV*

Jesus defeated Satan and took the “keys” or the “authority” that Adam forfeited to Satan.

**Revelation 1:18** - I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And **I have the keys** of Hades and of Death. *NKJV*

**Ephesians 1:22-23** – <sup>22</sup> And He put **all things under His feet**, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup> which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.  
*NKJV*

As a believer, you don't just have to know how to talk to God, but how to talk to the devil and learn how to recognize his devices.

**Ephesians 2:6-7** – <sup>6</sup> and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places **in Christ Jesus**, <sup>7</sup> that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us **in Christ Jesus**. *NKJV*

We are “in Him” or “in Christ” and now this dominion and authority that Adam was given has now been restored back to man.

The body and the head are raised together.

Jesus was raised from the dead and **seated** at the right hand of the Father, or a position of dominion and authority.

We have been **raised and seated together with Him!**

When God saw Jesus raised and seated, He saw you and me **in Him seated and raised together with Him.**

**Matthew 28:18** - And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "**All authority** has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. *NKJV*

God Himself is the force behind the authority we possess.

The believer who knows his authority can face the enemy and his weapons without fear or hesitation.

**I John 4:4** – You, dear children, are from God and **have** overcome them (Satan's kingdom and weapons), because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. *NIV*

You **have overcome**, past tense. Our authority is an established fact of redemption.