

# Authority of the Believer 3

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We are learning our full identity is found **in Him**.

**We possess Authority because we are:**

- Born again "in Him"
- Seated "with Him"
- Raised "together with Him"
- Accepted "in Him"
- Completed "in Him"
- Righteous "in Him"

**Luke 10:18-19** - <sup>18</sup> And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. <sup>19</sup> 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. *NKJV*

Jesus has vested all **authority** in the power of His Name.

He has delegated **His Name** to the **Church** which is **His Body!**

**John 14:13-14** – <sup>13</sup> And whatever you ask (Demand) in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If you ask (Demand) anything in My name, I will do it. *NKJV*

**That name has power in 3 worlds**

1. **Heaven** – Ask the Father in My Name
2. **Hell** – You shall cast out demons in My Name

Satan's power is not in **who he is**, but rather in his ability to deceive—causing you to doubt your **identity in Christ**.

**Isaiah 14:16-17** – <sup>16</sup> Those who see you stare at you, they ponder your fate: "Is this the man who shook the earth and made kingdoms tremble, <sup>17</sup> the man who made the world a desert, who overthrew its cities and would not let his captives go home?" *NIV*

3. **Earth** – Dominion over circumstances

### **Lame man healed:**

**Acts 3:6-8,16** – <sup>6</sup> Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." <sup>7</sup> And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. <sup>8</sup> So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them — walking, leaping, and praising God.

<sup>16</sup> - And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all. *NKJV*

We exercise or fail to exercise this **authority** in 2 primary ways:

1. Our words
2. Our thoughts

### **Our Words**

**Matthew 12:36-37** – <sup>36</sup> But I tell you that men will have to give account on the Day of Judgment for every careless word they have spoken. <sup>37</sup> For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned." *NIV*

### **Our Thoughts**

**2 Corinthians 10:3-5** – <sup>3</sup> For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup> For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, <sup>5</sup> casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, **bringing every thought into captivity** to the obedience of Christ, *NKJV*

Don't be ignorant of Satan's devices - 2 Cor. 12:11

The primary form of deception that Satan uses is to get you to question your **identity in Christ**.

- **Adam** – Has God said?
- **Jesus** – If you are the Son of God...

We have authority over our thought life.

Take every thought captive.

Thoughts, ideas, and suggestions are the primary weapons of Satan, and we have authority over him to exercise **dominion** over our thought life.

You can't control what thoughts come to your mind, but you can chose what you let your mind rest upon. You can't control what birds fly over your head, but you can stop them from building a nest in your hair.

Satan will want to you **DOUBT who you are in Christ**. He will want to you doubt your **identity in Christ**.

What you do with your **words** and **thoughts** are going to determine the level of **grace** you access **by faith**.