

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

WHAT AUTHORITY DOES A CHRISTIAN HAVE?

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It would be nice if there was a chapter in the New Testament where Jesus would step-by-step lay out the authority of the Christian; since such a chapter does not exist, we must study the Bible and glean from it what is the truth.

SATAN'S CONDITION

- He has been defeated. **Isaiah 14:15-20**
- His body was destroyed. **Ezekiel 28:18**
- He is no longer the ruler of this earth. **Colossians 2:8-15**

SATAN'S WEAPONS

- Deception and lies were used against Eve: **Genesis 3:1-6**

ACTIVITIES BEFORE THE CROSS

- Satan tried to destroy Job with unjust charges, Job was unable to take any defensive action! **Job 1:6-21, 2:1-10**
- King Saul fought an evil spirit with music of praise. **I Samuel 16:14-23**
- Daniel used prayer and fasting to get something done. **Daniel 10:1-14**

WHAT JESUS DID

- Jesus fought the Devil with the Word of God. **Luke 4:1-13**
- Jesus had total control over evil spirits. **Luke 4:31-41**
- Jesus took dominion. **Mark 9:14-19**
- Jesus projected his power. **Luke 8:22-39, 11:14-26**
- Unbelief hindered Jesus from working in his hometown. **Matthew 13: 53-58**
- Jesus did not violate man's free will. **Matthew 19:16-24**
- Jesus ripped off the chains of the crippled woman. **Luke 13:10-17**

WHAT JESUS TAUGHT

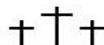
- The strong man must be bound before any action can be taken. **Luke 11:17-23**
- The binding of the strong man was transferred to the disciples. **Matthew 16:13-19**

JESUS TRANSFERRED HIS AUTHORITY TO THE BELIEVERS

- Luke 9:1-5, 10:1-21**
- Matthew 28: 18-20**

JESUS IS THE SUPREME RULER

- Revelation 1:7-18**



- ❑ **It important to note that man cannot fight and defeat satanic spirits in the flesh, only God's angels have that power! Acts 19:11-17**
- ❑ We can use our spiritual authority in prayer, which is called "spiritual weapons." When we pray, God will hear, and dispatch his holy angels to do the fighting for us. **II Corinthians 10:1-6**
- ❑ The apostle Paul did this in **Acts 13:6-12**.
- ❑ Let the Holy Spirit teach you as you pray and submit yourself to God!
John 16:7-15