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## The Authority of the Righteous, Part 5

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### Opening Summary

In the final part of this series, you will learn that speaking God's Word is your weapon to maintain Satan's defeat. God gave Adam authority over the earth, and he lost it. Then all authority was given to Jesus, the Son of man. And He transferred that authority to all who would believe on Him. It's time for the righteous to return to using their authority.

- I. Mat. 28:18-20: Power (Gk. *exousia*) means *force*.
  - A. *Teach* means *to make disciples of everyone*.
  - B. *Nations* (Gk. *ethnos*) means *all people* no matter what color they are. In our first KBM meeting in Pensacola, FL. people worshipped the Lord together regardless of skin color.
  - C. *Name* (Gk. *onoma*) means *authority and characteristic of God*: His character is love.
  - D. *Observe* means *to guard from Satan trying to steal what you teach*.
- II. What is authority?
  - A. *Authority* (Hb: *rabah*) means *to be in charge*.
  - B. Webster's 1828 ed.: *legal power, or a right to command or to act, rule; it's transferable*.
  - C. Jesus has the ultimate authority in heaven and earth (Mat 28:18).
  - D. Heaven moves when you speak God's Word in the earth in Jesus' name.
- III. John 5:26-27: Authority was given to Jesus, as the Son of man.
  - A. He lived, died, and rose from the dead as the Son of man. There was a man (Adam) who fell and lost that authority. Jesus got it all back, as man. Then He gave it to you.
  - B. Being born again is an authority issue. A born-again man is the one in charge.
  - C. Rom 10:8-17: *Mouth* (Gk. *stoma*) means *the front edge of a weapon*. The purpose of the front edge of a knife is to cut something. God gave you a mouth to stab the enemy by speaking the Word. If he's holding on to you, cut him off by saying what God said about your situation. It's a fight.
- IV. What did the apostle, Paul, preach? He preached Rom. 10:8-10.
  - A. *Word* (Gk. *rhema*) means *spoken word*.
  - B. *Heart* (Gk. *kardia*): Underline in your Bible *heart and mouth*.
  - C. *Faith* (Gk. *pistis*) means *assurance, belief, conviction of God's Word*.
  - D. Rom. 10:8-9: *Confess* (Gk. *homologeō*) means *acknowledge*.
  - E. *Mouth* (Gk. *stoma*) means *the front edge of a weapon*.
  - F. *Lord* (Gk. *kurios*) means *supreme in authority, controller, master, God*.
  - G. Most Christians follow God until He asks them to do something that will make them uncomfortable. Then the tug-of-war begins.
  - H. *Believe* (Gk. *pisteuo*) means *to have faith in, upon, commit to trust*.
  - I. Commit is action. The fifth element of faith is to act like it is so.

- J. Marriage is a commitment. A man loves a woman, so he proposes marriage.
  - K. *Saved* (Gk. *sozo*) means *delivered, or protect, heal, preserve*.
  - L. Webster's 1828 ed.: *keep or save from injury or destruction. To defend from evil, kept, do well, make whole*.
- V. Being born again is an authority issue. Satan challenges you immediately. Then you are supposed to stab him – **say** what the Word says about it. If he grabs you, cut him off – **say** what the Word says about it. Then he will flee.
- A. If you don't cut him off, he will beat you down.
  - B. 1 John 3:8: Destroy means to loosen. Jesus loosened satan's tight grip on you.
  - C. 1 John 4:4: Satan blinded the minds of unbelievers. But you can walk away from his hold by **saying** what the Word says and cut him off.
- VI. Rom. 10:9-13: There is no distinction between nationalities and races.
- A. *Righteousness* (Gk. *dikaiousune*) means *justification*.
  - B. *Salvation* (Gk. *soteria*) means *rescue or safety*.
  - C. *Call* (Gk. *epikaleomai*) means *appeal or invoke, worship*.
- VII. Authority gives you the right to exercise power.
- A. Example: A police officer wears a badge that represents authority. If a person resists arrest, they must deal with the power of city hall.
  - B. John 14:14: Heaven backs you up when you use your authority.
  - C. Rom. 10:13: *Name* (Gk. *onoma*) means *authority and character*. It's not a title.
  - D. Rom. 10:14: God holds you accountable to tell the unsaved about Jesus.
  - E. Rom. 10:15: You are to bring good news (Isa. 52:7). Pray with authority.
  - F. Rom. 10:17: Hearing and hearing means hearing with your ears and with your heart.
- VIII. Acts 19:13-16: You must understand your authority, not copy what someone did.
- A. Study: Get to know and understand your authority by *studying* the four gospels.
    1. Watch how Jesus defeated the enemy.
    2. See how Jesus is the one in Supreme Authority.
  - B. Meditate how Jesus defeated the devil and demon spirits (Psa. 1:1-3).
  - C. Spend time meditating the Word. It takes time to study and meditate the Word.
  - D. Be the one in four who has a heart that is good ground (Mark 4:20).
- IX. Mark 9:38-39: The disciples thought if they aren't with us, then who do they think they are, casting out devils in Jesus' authority? Jesus said this man has His authority in him, so leave him alone.
- X. One reason judgment came on the whole world is that Christians stopped studying and meditating the Word, casting out devils and speaking in tongues. Some preachers have shortened their sermons to 30 minutes. The church became fearful.
- XI. This is the year of the return of the authority of the righteous.
- A. John 14:12-14: Jesus' authority gives you the right to have the power released.
  - B. Faith filled words activate the power of God.
  - C. Encourage yourself to meditate on the Scripture.

- XII. Say: I have Jesus' authority. His authority is vested in me. When I put the Word of God in my mouth and speak in the authority of Jesus, satan and everything that comes with him has to leave: sickness and disease, poverty lack and death all bow to the authority of Jesus.
- XIII. Prayer: Thank you father for giving me Jesus' authority. In Jesus' authority I lay hands on the sick and they recover. Demons desist from their maneuvers against me. I am a son of God, heir of God and joint heir with Jesus. What Jesus has, I have. What Jesus can do, through my words, He will do, because I have His authority.

### **Closing summary**

This is the year to return to using your authority wherever you go. Years ago, a successful football player was a member of our church. We had played basketball with some other guys and he got all the rebounds. We talked about it after the game. He said, "Pastor, you use what you got." Don't let satan get rebounds on you. Use what you got, the authority of Jesus!