

8 But when the multitudes saw it, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power (Authority) unto men.

36 And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word is this! for with Authority and (dunamis-miraculous) power he commandeth the unclean (foul or demonic) spirits, and they come out.

THE USE OF OUR AUTHORITY:

Those in 'Authority' need to speak with Boldness to edify the Body of Christ!

2 Cor 13:10

10 Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, according to the power (Authority) which the Lord hath given me to edification (for building up), and not to destruction.

The use of 'Authority' does not mean to lord it over others but to be a Servant!

Mark 10:42-44

42 But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over (lord over) them; and their great ones exercise (wield) Authority upon them.

43 But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be Great (Big) among you, shall be your (own) Minister (Servant):

44 And whosoever of you will be the Chiefest, shall be Servant of 'all'.

As Christians we need to Pray for all people and for all those in 'Authority'.

1 Tim 2:1-2

1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications (requests), prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men (human beings);

2 For kings (those that rule), and for all that are in Authority; that we may lead a quiet (tranquil) and peaceable life in all Godliness and honesty.

THE FRUIT OF CHRISTIAN AUTHORITY:

When the righteous are in 'Authority', the people rejoice! (In the USA?)

Prov 29:2

2 When the righteous (just, moral & lawful) are in Authority, the people rejoice (are happy); but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.

CONCLUSION:

Our Eternal 'Authority' Now - is that we have become the Children of God!

Our Future Eternal 'Authority' - is that we will soon reign over the Nations!

John 1:12

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power (Authority) to become the sons (children) of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Rev 2:26 (Luke 19:17 Rev 5:10 Rev 1:6)

26 And he that overcometh (gets the victory), and keepeth my works (deeds or acts) unto the end, to him will I give power (Authority) over the nations:

Titus 2:15

15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all Authority. Let no man (or woman) despise (or underestimate) thee. AMEN! TIMOTHY II

AUTHORITY



THE CENTURION

AUTHORITY & GREAT FAITH

According to the Bible, there is an important relationship between understanding 'Authority' and having 'Great Faith'! Although many Christians believe in such things as healings, casting out demons, etc.; when it actually comes to getting involved in those things, many hesitate. This may be because they either do NOT fully understand or believe that all 'Authority' comes from God; and that all 'Authority' has been given to Jesus in Heaven and in earth! A person in the Bible that did understand and believe these things was a Centurion who had the 'Greatest Faith' that Jesus found in Israel. This Centurion knew that Jesus was a man of Great Authority and that He could perform a miracle by Healing his Servant! If you will receive this same understanding, then you too will have enough 'Great Faith' to receive and to use all the Gifts and Calling that God has given you! (1 Cor 12:1-11 14:12 Eph 4:8-12 2Tim 1:9 Rom 11:29)

The Meaning of 'Authority' in the Dictionary:

An individual cited or appealed to as an expert; Power to influence or command thought, opinion, or behavior; Freedom granted by one in Authority; Persons in command; A convincing force, influence or power; Power exerted over the minds or behavior of others.

The Meaning of 'Authority' in the Bible:

NT:1849 exousia; competency; freedom; delegated influence or Authority; or potentate - which means a ruler, a sovereign, or one who wields great power. KJV - Authority, jurisdiction, liberty, power, right or strength.

The Meaning of a 'Centurion' in the Dictionary:

An Officer commanding a Roman Century.

The Meaning of a 'Centurion' in the Bible:

NT:2760 kenturion: A Captain of one hundred soldiers: KJV Centurion.

NT:1543 hekatontarches: The Captain of one hundred men: KJV Centurion.

THE STORY: The Story is about the Centurion

whom Jesus Admired because he understood 'Authority' and displayed such 'Great Faith'!

Matt 8:5-10

5 And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a Centurion beseeching him
6 And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy (a paralytic), grievously tormented (in
7 And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.

8 The Centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed (cured or made whole).

Here the Centurion explains how he understood 'Authority' and how it works.

9 For I am a man under Authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

Thus the person with 'The Greatest Faith' that Jesus found in Israel was not a



Priest or a religious person, but was rather 'A Centurion'! A Military Man!
10 When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so Great Faith, no, not in Israel.
Matt 8:13

13 And Jesus said unto the Centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed (have Faith and committed to Trust), so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour. (Luke 7:1-10)

ALL AUTHORITY COMES FROM GOD:

All 'Authority' comes from God and has been given to Jesus the Son of God!

Rom 13:1

1 ...For there is no power (Authority) but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

Matt 28:18

18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power (Authority) is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

AND WE ARE COMPLETE IN JESUS!

We are complete in Jesus, so know where your 'Authority' comes from!

Col 2:10, 9

10 And ye are complete (full, perfect & fulfilled) in him (Jesus), which is the head of all principality and power (Authority):

9 For in him (Jesus) dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead (3 in 1) bodily.

JESUS HAS GIVEN AUTHORITY TO THE BODY OF CHRIST:

Here Jesus first gave 'Authority' to His 12 Disciples.

Matt 10:1 Mark 3:14-15 Mark 6:7 Luke 9:1-2

1 And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power (exousia-Authority) against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

Then Jesus gave 'Authority' to 70 other Disciples; which includes us!

Luke 10:1

1 After these things the Lord appointed other (a different) seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face (presence) into every city and place...

JESUS HAS GIVEN US AUTHORITY OVER THE DEVIL:

Here Jesus gives us 'Authority' over all the power of the devil.

Luke 10:19 & Matt 16:19 (Matt 18:18)

19 Behold, I give unto you power (Authority) to tread on serpents (sly & cunning) and scorpions (that sting) and over all the power of the enemy (Satan): and nothing (no man, woman, thing) shall by any means hurt you.

19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

THE PROOF OF OUR AUTHORITY:

The Proof of our 'Authority' comes from real life actions!

Matt 9:8 Luke 4:36