

Faith in Action (part 2)
Jesus has given you authority!
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Review

Last week, I started a series on faith because faith will be the most important commodity you have both now and in the future!

We are living in what looks like the last of the last days, and as the world changes, it will take faith to navigate through the challenges ahead.

1 John 5:4 (NKJV)

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

Last week: 5 Biblical reasons why we need to exercise faith

1. Satan originated in heaven and was thrown out, banished to earth.
2. At creation, God gave mankind a time-limited authority over the earth.
3. When Adam sinned, authority over the earth was transferred to Satan.
4. Satan has a legal right to be here until man's original lease of dominion runs out.
5. All opposition to God's will comes from Satan's legitimate right to rule until the Second Coming of Christ.

God gave Adam a portion of His ALL AUTHORITY and appointed him to oversee the earth under His care.

When Adam sinned, Adam's God-bequeathed authority was automatically transferred to Satan, and He obtains a legal right to rule on earth for a time-limited period.

John 10:10 (NKJV)

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

1 John 5:18-19 (AMPC)

We know [absolutely] that anyone born of God does not [deliberately and knowingly] practice committing sin, but the One Who was begotten of God carefully watches over and protects him [Christ's divine presence within him preserves him against the evil], and the wicked one does not lay hold (get a grip) on him or touch [him]. (19) We know [positively] that we are of God, and the whole world [around us] is under the power of the evil one.

Today: 6 Facts About Your Authority In Christ

Today, for this period of "Adam's lease," God has to have permission to invade earth with His ability and power. Our prayers and our faith give God permission to invade our lives and circumstances with His grace, His mercy, and His provision!

1. Jesus went to the cross as the representative man.

He is called the *last Adam* and *the Second Adam*:

1 Corinthians 15:45 (NKJV)

And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

1 Corinthians 15:47 (NKJV)

The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven.

Adam was created: perfect, in fellowship with God; he had immortal life; he was not under Satan's authority; he had authority to oversee the earth under God's direction.

Jesus was the last or second Adam: Jesus was born 100% human yet in fellowship with God; had an immortal body (not subject to death); he had authority over Satan and all natural law.

2. Jesus regained for us the authority that Adam gave away.

Matthew 28:18-20 (NKJV)

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. (19) Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (20) teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

Jesus became our sin, and was judged for our sin, and then was raised from death when our sin debt was paid, and the potential for us to be legally freed from sin and Satan's servitude was secured.

Revelation 1:18 (NKJV)

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.

Colossians 1:18 (NKJV)

And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

3. Christians now have a personal Christ-given authority over Satan's rule over their individual lives.

Notice these scriptures:

Luke 10:19 (NKJV)

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.

Authority (power)

Greek - Exousia

delegated authority

This was before the cross that Jesus gave His disciples the authority of His personage by the use of His name. His NAME represents all that He is!

Example: The law enforcement official with a badge has authority that is greater than his personal strength.

1 Corinthians 2:6

However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, ***who are coming to nothing***.

Who are coming to nothing (various translations):

Amplified:

who are being brought to nothing and are doomed to pass away

Wuest:

who are in the process of being liquidated

Young's Literal Translation:

of those becoming useless

Moffat:

the dethroned powers that rule this world

Colossians 1:13 (AMP)

[The Father] has delivered and drawn us to Himself out of the control and the dominion of darkness and has transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love

Colossians 2:15 (NLT)

In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.

Colossians 2:15 (NKJV)

Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

Colossians 2:15 (AMP)

[God] disarmed the principalities and powers that were ranged against us and made bold display and public example of them, in triumphing over them in Him and in it [the cross].

Colossians 2:15 (MSG)

He stripped all the spiritual tyrants in the universe of their sham authority at the Cross and marched them naked through the streets.

Colossians 2:15 (God's Word)

He stripped the rulers and authorities of their power and made a public spectacle of them as he celebrated his victory in Christ.

Colossians 2:15 (JB Phillips)

And then, having drawn the sting of all the powers and authorities ranged against us, He exposed them, shattered, empty and defeated, in His own triumphant victory.

If you've been watching scary sci-fi's, or movies like Poltergeist or _____, you need to reinforce the fact that you have authority...

Ephesians 1:19-23 (NLT)

I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power (20) that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. (21) Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come. (22) God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church. (23) And the church is his body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with himself.

Ephesians 2:6 (NLT)

For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus.

4. You can now personally resist Satan and he must leave you alone.

James 4:7

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

New English Bible

Stand up to the Devil, and he will turn and run.

James 4:7 - The word *resist*:

Strong's – to oppose or withstand

Bullinger – set one's self against, either in word or deed or both

Elliot – The devil can fight, but cannot conquer you if you resist.

Wheaton – Temptations when repelled disappear, and when habitually kept at a distance, cease to exist.

James 4:7 - The word *flee*

Thayer – flee because of inspired fear and threatened danger

Arndt – seek safety in flight

Liddle and Scott – run off as quickly as possible

Expositor's Greek New Testament – If you resist him, he will be vanquished and will flee from you disgraced.

Ephesians 4:27:

NKJV

Nor give place to the devil.

God's Word

Don't give the devil any opportunity to work.

NCV

Do not give the devil a way to defeat you.

Weymouth

And do not leave room for the Devil.

Kenneth Wuest

And stop giving an occasion for acting [opportunity] to the devil.

1 Peter 5:8-9 (NLT)

Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. (9) Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith. Remember that your Christian brothers and sisters all over the world are going through the same kind of suffering you are.

5. We have the power of Jesus' Blood and the power of His Name!

Revelation 12:11 (NKJV)

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

Philippians 2:8-11 (NKJV)

And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. (9) Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, (10) that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, (11) and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Example - 1984 - *In the name of Jesus...*

6. Since Jesus has given Adam's original authority back to the church, God must have the permission of man to work in the earth today.

Today, for this period of "Adam's lease," God has to have permission to invade earth with His ability and power. Our prayers and our faith give God permission to invade our lives and circumstances with His grace, His mercy, and His provision!

This is rarely understood today.

James 4:2-3 (NKJV)

You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. (3) You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.

You must ask!

John 16:23-24 (NKJV)

And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. (24) Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

John 14:12-14 (NKJV)

Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. (13) And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. (14) If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

Luke 11:9-10 (NKJV)

So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. (10) For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

Matthew 6:9-10 (NKJV) In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. (10) Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Notice: *Your kingdom come, Your will be done!* Jesus' prayer is giving God permission to invade the world with His will.

Praying in the spirit is another awesome weapon, since it helps us pray about things we don't know about!

1 Corinthians 14:2 (NKJV)

For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries. (Amplified - secret truths and hidden things not obvious to the understanding).

Unless you take your place in faith, God's hands are tied!

Action Points:

1. What are you doing to actively walk in your authority in Christ?
2. Are you regularly asking God to do the impossible in people's lives?
3. Do you pray as though your prayer life enables God to work in people's lives?

4. Are you commanding Satan to take his hand off of your life and the lives of your family members?