

All Authority

Introduction

Scripture Reading: **Matthew 28**

1. In this morning's lesson we are going to be examining the truth that Jesus Christ has "All Authority."

Matthew 28:18-20

A. "Authority": "The power of rule or government, right to exercise power; the power of one whose will and commands must be obeyed by others."

B. "Authority": The importance of it in our lives (It determines our spiritual direction).

C. "Authority": The importance of it in all religious matters in Jesus Christ.

Matthew 21:23-27

Jesus Has ALL Authority

1. **The authority of Jesus Christ was established early.**

Matthew 7:29

Mark 2:1-12 (notice v.10)

2. **This same authority (the authority of Christ) was preached by the early Christians.**

Acts 2:32-36 This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, **He poured out this which you now see and hear.** "For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: 'THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, TILL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES YOUR FOOTSTOOL.'" "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

Acts 4:7-12

Philippians 2:9-11 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 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, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

3. **This authority must be accepted in order to become a Christian.**

John 8:24 Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins."

- A. **As we read earlier, Jesus has all authority and therefore we must abide in His word, His direction for us to be saved (Matthew 28:18-20).**

A Departure From Authority

1. **Jesus prophesied that there would be a departure from His authority.**
2. **Many will NOT accept Christ's authority. As a result, many would "fall away" and also lead others astray.**

Matthew 24:4-5, 9-13

1 Timothy 4:1-3 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.

2 Peter 2:1-3 But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.

3. **This departure (Apostasy) continues to exist today.**
 - A. **In denominations, creeds, human heads and/or authorities.**
 - B. **In the church: Schemes, Sponsoring Church and Institutional Arrangements, etc.**
 - C. **In individual men and women who believe they have the right to govern the lives of others (in congregations and in individual lives) thru opinions, traditions, and influence**
3 John 9-11

Jesus' Authority Has Not Changed

1. The authority of Christ is the same today as it was in the first Century!

Matthew 28:18-20

Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Hebrews 1:1-2 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

2. All these Scriptures (and others) still apply to us today.

1 Peter 1:22-25 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, because "ALL FLESH IS AS GRASS, AND ALL THE GLORY OF MAN AS THE FLOWER OF THE GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS, AND ITS FLOWER FALLS AWAY, BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER." Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

3. The world of yesterday, today, and tomorrow will all be judged by Jesus Christ!

Acts 17:30-31

Romans 14:10 But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

John 12:48 He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.

Conclusion

- 1. Many believe that the authority of Christ is passe, no longer relevant.**
- 2. This is one reason (a major reason) why we have so much confusion in today's world and in the churches.**
- 3. We must learn to submit ONLY to the continuing authority of Jesus.**
- 4. Be saved today by Jesus and His sacrifice — and then continuing in His complete authority.**
 - A. Our soul depends on it!**

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