

# The Authority of the Believer

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Everyone is called to be the leader of their own lives.

Prerequisites:

1. Receive Jesus as Savior and Lord
2. Receive the infilling of the Holy Spirit
3. Choose to believe and receive

In order to fully and effectively operate as godly leaders of our lives we must first understand biblical authority.

Every born-again believer in Jesus has been given access to godly, biblical authority.

It doesn't require a special position in the church or in your job to have this authority.

Having this authority doesn't depend on our level of education.

It doesn't depend on our past history.

It doesn't depend on our denomination or doctrines.

It doesn't depend on our traditions.

It doesn't depend on our culture.

It doesn't depend on our gender.

It doesn't depend on our sexual orientation.

Having godly, biblical authority depends on only one thing – our faith.

In the natural we may not have the power or ability to change all of our circumstances, but in the Spirit we have the authority to command those things to change, and they must change.

Having authority to change our circumstances is not about our performance. It's about our identity – who we are in Jesus, what he has done, and what he has given us.

To understand the believer's authority we need to understand the original plan. The Lord had it planned all along that we would have the authority to change our world.

God's original plan – Genesis 1: 26-28

God wanted a partnership with His created beings.

There are 5 assignments or objectives to God's plan from the Genesis 1 scripture:

1. Be fruitful – reproduce the nature of God. Galatians 5:22,23
2. Multiply – increase God's nature by being great and doing great things. John 14:12
3. Fill the earth – partner with God to create abundance. John 10:10
4. Subdue the earth – keep Satan and the effects of the curse under our feet. Ephesians 1: 22, 23
5. Have dominion – rule and reign with God. Revelation 5:10

Kings and queens make decrees. Priests intercede. As the Body of Christ we do both. We decree and pray it forth. Speak it and pray it forth. Find out what the Word of God has to say about your situation and speak it forth.

Godly biblical authority only operates properly when we know who we are in Jesus. Before biblical authority can be truly effective we must be certain and confident of our identity in Jesus.

In society we tend to identify ourselves by what we do. God doesn't identify us by what we do, but by what Jesus has already done.

#### Who We Are In Jesus

We are a new creation in Christ Jesus. 2 Cor. 5:17

We are sons and daughters of the Most High God. John 1:12

We are joint heirs with Jesus. Rom. 8:17

We are co-creators with God. John 14:12-14; 2 Pet. 1:3,4

We are his ambassadors in the earth. 2 Cor. 5:20

We are a holy nation and a royal priesthood. 1 Pet. 2:9

We are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. 2 Cor. 5:21

We are accepted in the Beloved. Eph. 1:6

We are loved with an everlasting love. Jer. 31:3

We are seated together with Him in heavenly places. Eph. 2:6

We are more than conquerors through Him Who loves us. Rom. 8:37

We are ministers of reconciliation. 2 Cor. 5:18

We are strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Eph. 6:10

We are overcomers. Rev. 12:11

We are saved. John 3:16

We are healed. 1 Pet. 2:24

We are whole. 1 Thess. 5:23

We are the Body of Christ. 1 Cor. 12:27

#### Because of Jesus

We have authority over the devil and all the powers of darkness.

We have authority over sin.

We have authority over sickness and disease.

We have authority over lack and want.

We have authority over discouragement and depression.

We have authority over bad weather.

# Confession/Activation

According to the Word of God I have authority. The same authority as Jesus. I have authority over the devil and all the powers of darkness. I have authority over sin. I have authority over sickness and disease. I have authority over lack and want. I have authority over my circumstances. I activate my authority by faith, and enforce my authority with the Word of God. I am fruitful – reproducing the nature of God. I am multiplying – increasing the nature of God. I am filling the earth by partnering with Jesus to create abundance. I am subduing the earth – keeping the devil and the effects of the curse under my feet. I have dominion over my circumstances, and I will rule and reign with God. I believe I receive in Jesus' name!

## Events

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### Regular Events

**After Dark** – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 10pm – 2am. Contact [Janackeh Blackwell](#) or [Carla Dockery](#) for more information.

**Connect Groups** – Connect Groups meet throughout the city on different nights of the week. These groups are for fellowship and Bible study. For more information click on the following link: [NCCA Connect Groups](#)

**Fire Institute** – The Fire Institute is our school of revival. Contact [Pastor Joan Castle](#) for more information at [Pastor@NewCovenantAtlanta.com](mailto:Pastor@NewCovenantAtlanta.com)

**Freedom Challenge** – Get Free through prophetic music, dance and prayer. Contact [Pastor Leah Lindsey](#) for more information

**Intercessory Prayer** – Meets every Sunday evening at 6pm in the sanctuary.

**Invade** – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday meetings of youth and young adults. Contact [Darrick Wilson](#) for more information.

**Levite Rehearsal** – The worship team meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month at 6pm. If you would like to be a part of the worship team, please see Pastor Johnny Layton-Morgan or email at [PastorJohnny@NewCovenantAtlanta.com](mailto:PastorJohnny@NewCovenantAtlanta.com)

**Mid-Week Service** – Meets every Wednesday at 7:30pm in the sanctuary. Be sure to check calendar for special services and/or cancellations.

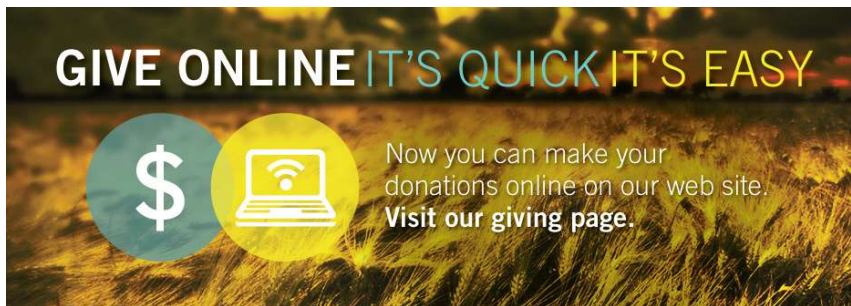
### Sunday Mornings –

- Adult Sunday School - 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday each month, starting at 9:45am in front classroom
- Sunday Service – Every Sunday starting at 11am
- New Members Class – Every Sunday following morning service. Class title and location announced during service



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