

Authority in the Invisible Realm: Walking in the Victory of Christ

Luke 10:17-20 / Ps Chris Booth



The CLG Pledge

This is my Bible. I hold the Word of God that wins.
I pledge to build my life upon it. I promise to meditate on what is written in it day and night, that I may know how to follow Christ. Through the help of the Holy Spirit, the Word will be my bread from heaven, my light in the dark, and shining armour in the day. I will store them in my heart. I pledge this to Jesus Christ, my Lord, the Word Incarnate, Immanuel from above. Amen!

Believers walk in absolute victory by recognising the reality of spiritual warfare, operating under delegated authority through a personal relationship with Jesus, and actively wielding the spiritual weapons God has provided.

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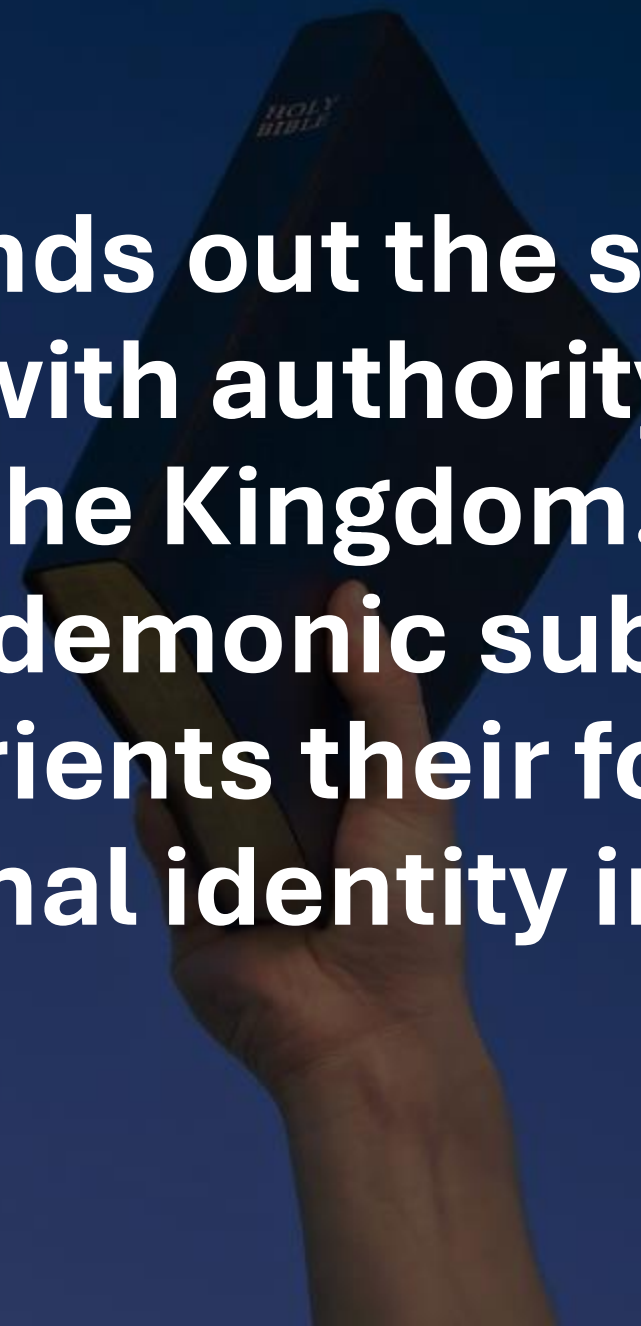
17 The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name."

18 He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.

19 I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.

20 However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."



A hand is holding a dark-colored Bible, with the words "HOLY BIBLE" visible on the cover. The hand is positioned in the center of the frame, holding the Bible upright. The background is a solid dark blue.

Jesus sends out the seventy-two disciples with authority to heal and proclaim the Kingdom. They return excited by demonic submission, but Jesus reorients their focus to their eternal identity in Him.

1. The Invisible Battlefield & Enemy's Schemes

- We battle not against flesh and blood but spiritual forces.
- The enemy uses deception and footholds to create strongholds and strangleholds. E.g Unconfessed sins.
 - 2 Corinthians 10:3-5
 - Ephesians 6:12



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3 For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does.

4 the weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ



Ephesians 6:12

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.



2. True Source of Delegated Authority:

- Authority is not an inherent trait or magical formula; it flows solely from a **surrendered, personal relationship with Jesus Christ**
 - Acts 9:11-16
 - James 4:7



3. Wielding Spiritual Weapons:

Ephesians 6:10–20 & Revelation 12:11

God provides...

DEFENSIVE ARMOUR

-  • Belt of Truth
-  • Breastplate of Righteousness
-  • Shoes of the Gospel of Peace
-  • Shield of Faith
-  • Helmet of Salvation

OFFENSIVE WEAPONS

-  • The Word of God
-  • Prayer
-  • The Name of Jesus
-  • Praise
-  • The Blood of Jesus
-  • Testimony

Ephesians 6:10-20

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

11 Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

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against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.



Ephesians 6:10-20

13 Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,



Ephesians 6:10-20

15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, With which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

17 Take the helmet of salvation and sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.



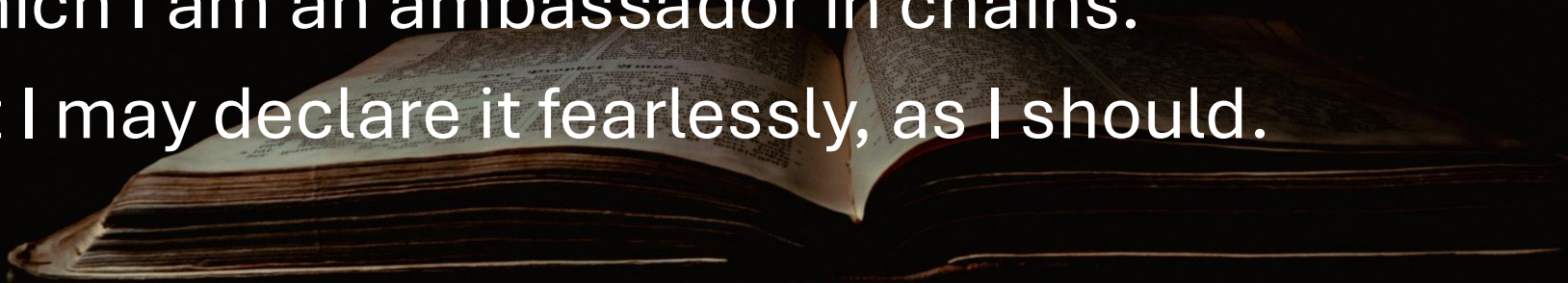
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18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

19 Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel,

20 for which I am an ambassador in chains.

Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.



Armour and Weapons – Eph 6:10-20 & Rev 12:11

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Flee Temptation and Sexual Immorality - 1 Cor 6:18-20 and 2 Tim 2:22

Prayer

Father, thank You for the authority delegated to us in the powerful name of Jesus. Today, we stand in the victory You have already won.

We clothe ourselves in Your full armour—the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shoes of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit. We reject every foothold of the enemy, choosing to live out of our true identity as citizens of Heaven. Holy Spirit, fill us afresh, renew our minds, and empower us to walk in the freedom and authority of Christ. Please grant us wisdom and discernment to be aware of the schemes of the enemy, so we are not afraid, but instead stay aware and prepared with Your strategies for victory. We are Yours, and we walk in Your victory.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Invitation to know and follow Christ

"Lord, we come before You as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to You. We bring our lives to Your light, confessing any known sin and asking for Your cleansing blood to wash us clean. Holy Spirit, fill Your temple afresh. Renew our minds so that we no longer conform to this world, but instead discern Your good and perfect will. We release all bitterness, fear, and unresolved anger, and we step fully into the authority You have given us. May we walk boldly as Your representatives, knowing our names are secure in Heaven and that the enemy has no claim over us. In Jesus' mighty name, Amen."



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