

Effectively Pray with Christ's Authority

Jesus has given all His followers all His authority and power to do God's will on earth. Jesus' earthy life was our example. Jesus spoke directly to sickness and disease, and commanded the demons. He taught His disciples to do the same—which includes all Christ follower, collectively referred to as *the Church*, for all time.

When Jesus said, "Upon this rock I will build My Church" (Mat. 16:18) the word He used translated as church was *Ekklesia*. The actual meaning of what Christ said was, "Upon this <u>rock of revelation</u> which you spoke of Peter, I will build My Ekklesia." The word Ekklesia was widely known to be an influential, governing body.

We know the early disciples lived during the time of Roman rule and they were cruelly subjected to their oppressive government. While the Church/Ekklesia did grow and has continued to this day, applying the authority and power of Christ has not been utilized the same through the ages as with the early disciples.

I believe we are living in a time when God is restoring the Church to a place of prominence over the governments of the world, where the Ekklesia will have effective influence. I believe we are living in a time where God has exposed all manner of evil to wake the Church up, and call all Christ's followers to be the effective change agents Christ intended.

Jesus' words recorded in Luke 10:19 are essential:

"Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you."

And there are many other Bible verses that convey Christ's authority and power imputed to His followers.

Let us seek the Lord to know and become convinced about Christ's authority and power operating in and through us, and for us to actively partner with God to see God's Kingdom will done on earth as it is in heaven.

Below is a sample prayer I recommend you begin to use regularly and in every adverse situation:

I, as a Believer of Jesus Christ have power over all the power of the enemy, over Satan's kingdom, to speak against it and cancel any assignments Satan and his followers have attempted. I therefore, declare all those operating in the demonic realm against these specifically named people or against a specific effort/need, are commanded to cease. I command confusion to come into the minds of the demons for using these people. I command the host of heaven to pull down the strongholds and shred the platforms of wickedness in the spirit realm to become nothing, right now! And I forbid any demonic beings to attempt any return or any retaliation against me or anyone and anything that concerns me. In Jesus name, Amen.