

Kingdom authority

1. Authority

Authority by or
Everything has been made through Christ and for Christ. Col.1:15-17
...authority through Jesus Christ... before all ages, now, and forever. Jd.1:25
He as one who had authority Mark 1:22
...authority! He orders evil spirits and they Him. Mark 1:27
...has authority to sins. Mark 2:10
No one takes my from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I
have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. John 10:18
. authority has been given to Me. Matthew 28:18
All Scripture is given by of God. 2 Timothy 3:16

2. Authority

Authority by or
Christ... is the head over every power and authority... having disarmed the
powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing
over them by the cross. Colossians 2:9,15
He has been in every way that we are... Hebrews 4:15
Come boldly... to find and Hebrews 4:16

3. Authority

Authority by or
Let us Man and give them Genesis 1:26
The devil said, 'I will give You authority; it has been given to me' Lk.4:6
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powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing
over them by the cross. Colossians 2:9,15
God will judge the world with justice, by that Man He appointed, giving
proof by raising Him from the dead. Acts 17:31
You have been with Christ. So, seek... and set... Col.3:1-2

My Prayer Points for this week

For personal reflection, or group discussion

1. In what areas of your life do you have authority? Do you enjoy the experience of being in a position of authority - why or why not?
2. What did Jesus claim in Matthew 28:18? What is the connection between His claim in v18 and His command in v19?
3. What gives the Bible its authority (2 Timothy 3:16-17)? What are some implications of this Biblical authority for my own life? What answer could you give to a sceptic who asks why you follow "an ancient book" that is "full of myths and errors"?
4. Why do you think God would use a book as His primary method of communicating, rather than dreams or sky-writing? What advice would you give to a new Christian as to how to make the most of their Bible?
5. How does Colossians 3:1-2 show that we each have authority over our own choices? How do we put Col.3:5 into practice? How do we put Col.3:12-14 into practice? If a true friend read Col.3:15-17 what advice would they give you?