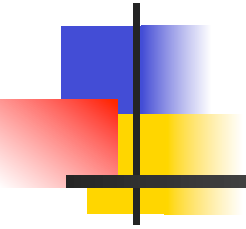


# **GOD' S AUTHORITY ON EARTH**





# GOD'S AUTHORITY ON EARTH OVERVIEW

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- The Big Rebellion
- The importance of God's Authority
- God's authority in the Family
- God's authority over self
- God's authority in the Church
- God's authority in civil government



# THE SOURCE OF ALL AUTHORITY

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- The origin of authority is the throne of God – Rev. 4:8-11
- 1 Tim 6:15-16
- God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, **16** who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.



# THE SOURCE OF ALL AUTHORITY

- Col 1:16-17
- **16** For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:
- **17** And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.



# THE SOURCE OF ALL AUTHORITY

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- Eph 1:20-21
- **20** which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, **21** far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.



# THE GREAT REBELLION

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- Isa 14:12-14
- **12** How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!



# THE GREAT REBELLION

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- **13** For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:
- **14** I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.



# GOD'S AUTHORITY IS DELEGATED ON EARTH

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- Gen 1:26
- **26** And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and **over all the earth**, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.





# CONFESSION

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- Father In accordance with Romans 12
- I choose to submit my body to you as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto you as my reasonable service.
- I submit my mind to the authority of your word, to be renewed in my thinking; I submit my will unto your will; your will is now my will.



# THE GREAT REBELLION

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- **Gen 2:15**
- **15 And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.**
- **Dress – To work, serve, cultivate**
- **Keep – Guard, protect, attend to**



# THE GREAT REBELLION

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- **Note:**
- **Man was not put in the garden without purpose.**
- **God gave man specific delegated responsibilities.**
- **No human life is placed on earth without specific purpose.**



# THE GREAT REBELLION

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- Gen 2:16-17
- **16** And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; **17** but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."



# THE GREAT REBELLION

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- Gen 3:3
- **3 but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit** from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or **you will die.**'
- Gen 3:4
- **4 "You will not surely die,"** the serpent said to the woman.



# THE GREAT REBELLION

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- **Note:**
- **For the first time God's authority is being challenged on earth by Lucifer.**
- **He is successful in getting the humans to join his rebellion against God's authority. Now a death sentence lingers over the human race.**



# THE GREAT REBELLION

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- **Rom 3:23**
- **For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;**
- **Rom 6:23**
- **For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**



# THE GREAT REBELLION

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- **Note:**
- **The entire human race was in Adam; the rebellion that was in Adam was a part of our makeup.**
- **1 Cor 15:22**
- **For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.**





# BECOMING CHILD-LIKE

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- **Matt 18:3-4**
- **And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.**
- **Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.**



# BECOMING CHILD-LIKE

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- **Note:**
- **The Kingdom of God consists of those who obey the Father's authority like little children.**
- **The more I obey God's authority like a little child, the greater my status in the Kingdom.**



# God's Authority

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- **\*The two most important matters in the universe.\***
- **\*Trusting in God's salvation**
- **\*Obeying his authority**



# Obeying God's Authority

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- **2 Cor 10:5**
- **Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;**



# God's Authority

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- **Government – The exercise of authority over an organization, institution, state, district etc. Websters New World Dictionary**
- **Authority is than carried out through government.**



# Self Government

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- **Self Government – Self government is synonymous with self control. A self governed person is someone who can regulate his attitudes and actions without the need for external coercion.**





# Self Government

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- Ezek 36:26-27
- **A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.**
- **And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.**



# Self Government

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- **The truly self governed person is one who has submitted to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. This is commonly referred to as the new birth. Ezekiel's prophecy states that God would put new hearts in individuals and they would be moved from within to keep his commands and follow his laws.**



# Self Government

Rom 12:1

- **I APPEAL to you therefore, brethren, *and* beg of you in view of [all] the mercies of God, to make a decisive dedication of your bodies [presenting all your members and faculties] as a living sacrifice, holy (devoted, consecrated) and well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable (rational, intelligent) service *and* spiritual worship.**



# Self Government

Rom 12:2

- Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, *even* the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you].



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- John 6:63
- **It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.**



# Self Government

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- Rom 8:13
- **For if you live according to [the dictates of] the flesh, you will surely die. But if through the power of the [Holy] Spirit you are [habitually] putting to death (making extinct, deadening) the [evil] deeds prompted by the body, you shall [really and genuinely] live forever.**



# Self Government

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- 1 Cor 9:27
- **I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified.**





# Abolishing All Rebellion

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- **1 Cor 15:22-23**
- **22 Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life. 23 But there is an order to this resurrection: Christ was raised as the first of the harvest; then all who belong to Christ will be raised when he comes back.**



# Abolishing All Rebellion

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- 1 Cor 15:24-27
- **24 After that the end will come, when he will turn the Kingdom over to God the Father, having destroyed every ruler and authority and power. 25 For Christ must reign until he humbles all his enemies beneath his feet. 26 And the last enemy to be destroyed is death.**



# Abolishing All Rebellion

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- 1 Cor 15:27-28
- **27 For the Scriptures say, "God has put all things under his authority."\* (Of course, when it says "all things are under his authority," that does not include God himself, who gave Christ his authority.)**



# Abolishing All Rebellion

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- **28 Then, when all things are under his authority, the Son will put himself under God's authority, so that God, who gave his Son authority over all things, will be utterly supreme over everything everywhere.**



# The Perfect Example

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- **Heb 5:8**
- **Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;**
- **As a man, Jesus learned obedience through the denial of self will**



# Be Filled with the Spirit

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- **As believers we learn obedience through the denial of self/fleshly desires, by yielding to the Spirit.**
- **Eph 5:18**
- **And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;**



# Walk In The Spirit

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- Gal 5:16
- **This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.**
- **Walk – Keep in step with the Spirit, follow His lead – He is teaching us obedience**



# Walking In The Spirit

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- **Make the filling of the Holy Spirit a priority.**
- **Develop a keen sensitivity to rebellion/sin**
- **Read, meditate and study God's Word**
- **Guard against grieving the Holy Spirit**
- **Eph.4:30-32**





# Walking In The Spirit

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- Avoid quenching the Spirit through fear and worry. (1Thess. 5:16-19)



# Controlled By the Spirit

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- Eph 5:18-19
- **18** And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; (**be constantly being filled**)
- The term being filled means to be under the control of the Spirit.



# Controlled By the Spirit

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- **19** Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;



# Controlled By the Spirit

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- Eph 5:20
- **20** Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;
- Eph 5:21
- **21 Submitting yourselves one to another **in the fear of God.****



# Controlled By the Spirit

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- **Note The Evidence of The Spirit's Control**
- **\*Joy – Thermostat not a Thermometer**
- **\*Thankfulness – In every circumstance**
- **\*Submission – Honor God's authority**



# God's Authority In The Home

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- Eph 5:22
- **22** Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.
- Eph 5:25
- **25** Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;



# The Law of First Mention

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- Gen 2:21
- **21** And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam; and while he slept, **He took one of his ribs *or* a part of his side and closed up the [place with] flesh.**



# The Law of First Mention

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- Gen 2:22
- 22 And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and **brought her unto the man.**





# The Law of First Mention

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- Gen 2:23
- "At last!" the man exclaimed.
  - **"This one is bone from my bone,**
  - **and flesh from my flesh!**
  - **She will be called 'woman,'**
  - **because she was taken from 'man.'**



# The Law of First Mention

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- **Woman was taken out of man – One flesh**
- **He leaves Father and Mother, and co-exist with his wife – living w/ her in a one flesh life journey on earth.**



# The Law of First Mention

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- Eph 5:28-29
- **28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.**
- **29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:**



# God's Authority in Marriage

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- **Husbands Role:**
- **Love the wife like Christ loves the Church**
- **Love his wife as he would love his own body (nourishes it and carefully protects it, and cherishes it); as Christ does the Church**
- **His wife becomes his closest human companion, above his own parents**



# God's Authority in Marriage

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- **Wife Role:**
- **Respects**
- **Reverences**
- **Notices**
- **Regards**
- **Honors**
- **Prefers**
- **esteems**



# God's Authority In The Home

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# God's Authority

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- 1 Sam 15:23
- **23** For **rebellion** is as the sin of **witchcraft**, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord , he hath also rejected thee from being king.





# God's Authority in the Church

- 1 Peter 5:1-2
- **To the elders among you**, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and one who also will share in the glory to be revealed: 2 Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as **overseers** — not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve;



# God's Authority in the Church

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- 1 Peter 5:3-4
- **not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.** 4  
**And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.**
- **Ref. Acts 20:28 –Overseers –Episkopos-Bishop**
- **Superintendent – charge of a church**



# God's Authority in the Church

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- Heb 13:17-
- **17 Obey your leaders and submit to their authority.** They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.



# God's Authority in the Church

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- Elders ordained during first missionary journey
- Acts 14:23
- And when they had **ordained them elders** in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.
- Elders - **Presbuteros** a senior;



# God's Authority in the Church

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- Acts 15:2
- **2** When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, **should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question.**