

# SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY & POWER



# THE BELIEVER'S AUTHORITY

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## Lesson #4



# Spiritual Authority Was Lost By Adam

- ▶ **Luke 4:6 Satan indicates that He now has authority over the earth. He took Adams position of authority.**
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▶ 2 Cor 4:4

▶ In whom **the god of this world** hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.



# Spiritual Authority Was Lost By Adam

▶ Eph 2:1-2

▶ 2 Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. 2 You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God.

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# –\*\*The Source of Jesus's Authority\*\*

- ▶ Phil 2:5-11
- ▶ Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:
- ▶ **6** Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:
- ▶ **7** But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:
- ▶ **8** And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.



## –\*\*The Source of Jesus's Authority\*\*

- ▶ **9** Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:
- ▶ **10** That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;
- ▶ **11** And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



## – \*\*The Source of Jesus's Authority\*\*

- ▶ Ephesians 1:18-23 States that when Christ was raised from the dead that He was seated at the right hand of the Father far beyond all other authority, power or dominion. He has put all things under His feet and gave Him to be the head of all things to the Church which is His Body.



# The Churches Authority

▶ Eph 1:22-23

▶ 22 God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church. 23 **And the church is his body; it is made full and complete by Christ**, who fills all things everywhere with himself.



# The Churches Authority

▶ Eph 2:6-7

- ▶ **6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:**
- ▶ **The Church raised up and made to set together with him in heavenly places.**



# How To Deal With Satanic Power

- ▶ James 4:7
- ▶ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
- ▶ Submit – To obey; to be under obedience.
- ▶ Resist – To stand against; oppose



# The Churches Authority

▶ Col 1:18

▶ 18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.



# How To Deal With Satanic Power

- ▶ 1 Peter 5:8-9
- ▶ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:
- ▶ Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.



# How To Deal With Satanic Power

- ▶ Devour – To eat up greedily; to destroy; waste.



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- ▶ Examples of those who have been devoured:
- ▶ Gen.3:4,5-Eve
- ▶ John 13:2 – Judas
- ▶ Acts 5:1-11 – Ananias and Sapphira



# Some Jews Who were Devoured

- ▶ John 8:42-45
- ▶ **42** Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.
- ▶ **43** Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.
- ▶ **44** Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do...



# How Did Jesus Handle Satan?

- ▶ Jesus Responded in three areas
- ▶ **The Lust of the flesh:**
- ▶ Matt 4:4
- ▶ **4** But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.



# How Did Jesus Handle Satan?

- ▶ **The Pride of life**

- ▶ Matt 4:7

- ▶ **7** Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.



# How Did Jesus Handle Satan?

- ▶ **The Lust of the Eyes**

- ▶ Matt 4:10

- ▶ **10** Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.



# How To Deal With Satanic Power

- ▶ In order to avoid being devoured, the thought life of a person must be maintained, if the thought life is not maintained the works of the flesh will resurface and the work of destruction in the life of a person will return.
- ▶ Some thoughts come from what you see and hear,



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- ▶ Eph 6:10-13
- ▶ **10** Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.
- ▶ **11 Put on the whole armour of God**, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
- ▶ **The armour is very important; the armour is not metal, but knowledge- what we know.**




# How To Deal With Satanic Power

## ▶ John 8:31-32

▶ **31** Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, **If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;**

▶ **32** And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.



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- ▶ James 1:22
  - ▶ 22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.



# How To Deal With Satanic Power

## ▶ Steps to Victory

- ▶ Identify – Every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God. 2Cor.10:5
- ▶ Quench – Quenching all the fiery darts of the wicked one. Eph. 6:16
- ▶ Capture – Bringing all thoughts into captivity 2 Cor. 10:5