

Living in Life Union with Holy Spirit
Session 6-Part 2: Just like Jesus

Authority - the multifaceted Greek word “Exousia”

Authority – G1849 – *exousia* – privilege, i.e. (subjectively) force, capacity, competency, freedom, or (objectively) mastery (concretely, magistrate, superhuman, potentate, token of control), delegated influence: --authority, jurisdiction, liberty, power, right, strength.

The Greek word “*exousia*” is derived from the Greek word G1832 “*exesti*” meaning “it is

_____,” or “it is _____” suggesting a sense of rightful or sanctioned power.

In the New Testament, *exousia* takes on these spiritual dimensions:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Within these dimensions we see the following distinctions:

_____ Dimension & _____ Dimension

❖ **Passive Dimension:** _____

In its passive sense, *exousia* refers to the _____ of _____ authority, power, or a right—something inherent, _____, or recognized, without necessarily implying its _____.

Significance:

This passive dimension emphasizes _____, entitlement, or _____ . It’s a condition or status. This authority exists as a _____ or _____, waiting to be tapped.

❖ **Active Dimension:** _____

In its active sense, *exousia* shifts to the application or _____ of that authority.

It's the moment when the power moves from _____ to _____ —
i.e. when the king issues a decree; the judge pronounces a sentence; the general commands attention.

Significance:

This active dimension highlights the practical, _____ of power. It's kinetic, force in motion, shaping outcomes or asserting control.

The beauty of *exousia* lies in how it bridges both the passive and active dimensions, often carrying both meanings simultaneously. Even when *exousia* is passive, it often suggests the capacity for action. Conversely, when *exousia* is exercised, it assumes prior possession.

Matthew 28:18—20

Passive: “*Has been given to me*” indicates Jesus possesses authority (*exousia*) as a fixed state of supreme authority bestowed by God.

Active: The command “*Go therefore*” flows directly from this authority. Jesus exercises it by commissioning the disciples, directing their mission with the weight of His power.

Interaction: The passive possession (all authority given) immediately fuels an active mandate (make disciples). His *exousia* is both a status and a force in action.

John 1:12 NKJV

But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right (*exousia*) to become children of God,

Passive: “*He gave the right*” frames *exousia* as a privilege given to believers by Christ’s initiative.

Active: “*To become children of God*” implies an active _____ or _____ shift that comes as a result of _____.

Interaction: The passive reception of *exousia* (a gift) leads to an active outcome (becoming God’s children). It’s a privilege held, and a reality enacted.

Colossians 1:13 NKJV

He has delivered us from the power (*exousia*) of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love

ESV – “the domain of darkness” **TPT** – “the tyrannical rule of darkness” **AMP** – “the dominion of darkness”

Passive: In its passive sense, *exousia* in this verse points to the state of authority possessed by “the darkness.” It’s a _____—an established realm or sphere of control that exists as a condition. This is passive in the sense that it’s an existing structure or power base, not necessarily an action in the moment of the verse.

Meaning, that, the realm of darkness has this authority by either having it granted by God’s _____ hand, or because it _____ it through sin’s _____.

Active: Within the realm of darkness, the _____ exercises his authority over all who are _____ in their _____. Although authority may be oppressive, it is authority, nonetheless. The devil holds people in bondage within his realm of delegated authority to deceive and dominate.

Human Condition:

The passive/active *exousia* of darkness paints humanity as both _____ (passive) and _____ (active) apart from Christ. It’s a state and a struggle.

Christ’s Victory:

The deliverance showcases Christ’s *exousia* as both _____ (passively supreme) and _____ (actively rescuing). The darkness’s authority is real but not _____.

Believer’s Identity:

Being “transferred” means moving from one *exousia* to another—a new _____ (Christ’s kingdom) and a new way of _____ (under Christ’s active rule).

Matthew 8:5-13 NKJV

Verse 9 reveals the revelation the Centurian had:

For I also am a man under authority (exousia), having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”

Passive Dimension:

1. “_____” – *hypo exousian*
 - a. He describes himself as a man positioned within a _____. His authority has been delegated to him by Rome.
 - b. Although he was under the command of superiors, his rank offered him power over those he commanded. He holds that power even though he is not exercising it at that moment.
 - c. We see his _____ by this statement. He holds power and authority, yet he understands he is not the ultimate source of power and authority.

Active Dimension:

2. “*I say... and he goes*” – _____
 - a. After noting his position, the centurion explains how he uses his *exousia*, he gives commands; these commands express his authority.
 - b. The position he holds gives him authority to issue commands which his soldiers _____ . As they comply with his words, his *exousia* is now made outwardly evident.
 - c. He extends this logic to Jesus, implying that Jesus, too, has *exousia* that can be exercised with just a command.
 - d. He doesn’t need to _____ the _____; he trusts the _____ the _____.
3. “*His servant was healed that same hour*”
 - e. This is *exousia* in action—spoken, effective, instantaneous. The passive dimension of Jesus’ divine authority immediately becomes a tangible _____.

John 13:1-7 TPT