



Authority

I thought, months ago, I would spend a few days studying and then present a lesson on Authority.

After all I have 15 lessons in my folder on Authority.

The more I studied the bigger the issue became.

I had trouble organizing all the information.

I found the issue to be central to everything in our life.

Nation, Job, Family, Church, Salvation, etc.

What Marvelous Faith



- *Matthew 8:5-10 " Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, 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." When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! "*

Questions About Authority

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- **Where does it come from?**
 - **Who has authority?**
 - **Why do they have it?**
 - **What is the extent of it?**
 - **What is the proper exercise of it?**
 - **How do we know when to follow or not?**
 - **How do we treat those who have it?**
 - **Many of you may think these questions have easy answers, and to an extent I agree. But, I think the church is terribly affected by the anti-authority mindset of our world and especially of our times.**
 - **Do you realize the split between Catholic, Orthodox, Protestant and every other form of Christianity is essentially a question of authority?**

Where Does Authority Begin?

- **In The Beginning With God**
 - Genesis 1:1 " *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*"
- **The Earth Is The LORD's**
 - Psalm 24:1-2 " *A Psalm of David. The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein. For He has founded it upon the seas, And established it upon the waters.*"
- **And Heaven Too!**
 - Psalm 148:1-5
- **God has inherent authority because he made everything. All other proper authority must therefore derive from God.**

Authority Given To Jesus

- **Matthew 7:29** *"for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes."*
- **John 5:26-27** *"For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man."*
- **Matthew 28:18** *" And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."*

Jesus Delegates His Authority



- To Apostles: Matthew 16:13-20
- To Apostle Paul:
 - 2Cor 13:10 *"Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, according to the authority which the Lord has given me for edification and not for destruction."*
 - 2Cor 10:8 *"For even if I should boast somewhat more about our authority, which the Lord gave us for edification and not for your destruction, I shall not be ashamed—"*
 - 1Cor 4:21 *"What do you want? Shall I come to you with a rod, or in love and a spirit of gentleness?"*
 - 1Cor 5:4-5 *"In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus."*