

BIBLE STUDY SERIES:

TRUSTING THE FATHER

SATAN DEFEATED! WE HAVE AUTHORITY

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INTENTION:

Most of my life existed as a defeated Christian. I pinballed around in life just taking what came my way and resisted to live another day to face the same: “Que Será, Será”.

Then I came to realize that my life as a Christian had power and authority—both my own and through the Lord. Christ defeated Satan and he is beneath me (beneath all humans). And when I became a believer, I inherited that same authority that Jesus Christ Himself has.

Let’s discover the authority we have to overcome any and all challenges that come our way.

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I. TOPIC:

We want to look at Satan's defeat and our authority; both accomplished through the completed work of Jesus Christ. The Lord created humans with authoritative dominion through Adam ([Genesis 1:28](#)), whom, in-turn gave it to Satan ([Genesis 3](#)). However, Jesus, as a human, not only took back what Adam gave away, we have been given even more than what Adam ever had: Christ's authority. Jesus defeated the Devil and Satan, giving us authority over him too.

NB: In the following scripture verses used, we will read about both the Devil and Satan. These are not directly one-of-the-same, but different Greek words representing two distinct meanings, yet relatable. Take into consideration these expanded meanings, especially when discussing the Devil:

Devil – G1228: *diabolos*

1. prone to slander, slanderous, accusing falsely.
 - a. a calumniator, false accuser, slanderer.
2. metaph. applied to a man who, by opposing the cause of God, may be said to act the part of the devil or to side with him.

Satan – G4567: *satanas*

1. adversary (one who opposes another in purpose or act), the name given to
 - a. the prince of evil spirits, the inveterate adversary of God and Christ
 - b. a Satan-like man

Calumniator:

1. *to utter maliciously false statements, charges, or imputations about.*
2. *to injure the reputation of by calumny.*

Calumny:

1. *a misrepresentation intended to harm another's reputation.*
2. *the act of uttering false charges or misrepresentations maliciously calculated to harm another's reputation.*

II. READING: [Ephesians 1:1-23](#) (CEB)

From Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by God's will. To the holy and faithful people in Christ Jesus in Ephesus. 2 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

3 Bless the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! He has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing that comes from heaven. 4 God chose us in Christ to be holy and blameless in God's presence before the creation of the world. 5 God destined us to be his adopted children through Jesus Christ because of his love. This was according to his goodwill and plan 6 and to honour his glorious grace that he has given to us freely through the Son whom he loves. 7 We have been ransomed through his Son's blood, and we have forgiveness for our failures based on his overflowing grace, 8 which he poured over us with wisdom and understanding. 9 God revealed his hidden design to us, which is according to his goodwill and the plan that he intended to accomplish through his Son. 10 This is what God planned for the climax of all times: to bring all things together in Christ, the things in heaven along with the things on earth. 11 We have also received an inheritance in Christ. We were destined by the plan of God, who accomplishes everything according to his design. 12 We are called to be an honour to God's glory because we were the first to hope in Christ. 13 You too heard the word of truth in Christ, which is the good news of your salvation. You were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit because you believed in Christ. 14 The Holy Spirit is the down payment on our inheritance, which is applied toward our redemption as God's own people, resulting in the honour of God's glory.

15 Since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, this is the reason that 16 I don't stop giving thanks to God for you when I remember you in my prayers. 17 I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, will give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation that makes God known to you. 18 I pray that the eyes of your heart will have enough light to see what is the hope of God's call, what is the richness of God's glorious inheritance among believers, 19 and what is the overwhelming greatness of God's power that is working among us believers. This power is conferred by the energy of God's powerful strength. 20 God's power was at work in Christ when God raised him from the dead and sat him at God's right side in the heavens, 21 far above every ruler

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and authority and power and angelic power, any power that might be named not only now but in the future. 22 God put everything under Christ's feet and made him head of everything in the church, 23 which is his body. His body, the church, is the fullness of Christ, who fills everything in every way.

III. RELATED VERSES AND QUESTIONS:

A. Revelations 12:7-12 (CEB)

Then there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, 8 but they did not prevail, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. 9 So the great dragon was thrown down. The old snake, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world, was thrown down to the earth; and his angels were thrown down with him. 10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say, "Now the salvation and power and kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ have come. The accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them day and night before our God, has been thrown down. 11 They gained the victory over him on account of the blood of the Lamb and the word of their witness. Love for their own lives didn't make them afraid to die. 12 Therefore, rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them. But oh! The horror for the earth and sea! The devil has come down to you with great rage, for he knows that he only has a short time."

Question: We can see that both Satan and the Devil have been against the Lord's creation—what did the Devil and Satan lose here? What is he up to now—what do you think his purpose is?

Response:

B. Luke 10:9;17-22 (CEB) {PoG}

Heal the sick who are there, and say to them, 'God's kingdom has come upon you.'

17 The seventy-two returned joyously, saying, "Lord, even the demons submit themselves to us in your name."

18 Jesus replied, "I saw Satan fall from heaven like lightning. 19 Look, I have given you authority to crush snakes and scorpions underfoot. I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy. Nothing will harm you {[Mark 16:15-18](#)}. 20 Nevertheless, don't rejoice because the spirits submit to you. Rejoice instead that your names are written in heaven."

21 At that very moment, Jesus overflowed with joy from the Holy Spirit and said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you've hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and shown them to babies. Indeed, Father, this brings you happiness. 22 My Father has handed all things over to me. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wants to reveal him."

Question: What authority did Jesus give?

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C. [Matthew 11:11-15](#) (CEB) {PoG}

"I assure you that no one who has ever been born is greater than John the Baptist. Yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. 12 From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven is violently attacked as violent people seize it {*because violent people (beings) try to take things for themselves through violence*}. 13 All the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John came. 14 If you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. 15 Let the person who has ears, hear.

Question: The Kingdom of Heaven is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit ([Romans 14:17](#))—very opposite from violence. Look back at [Revelations 12:10](#) and [Luke 10:18](#) above with this verse; whom do you think is violently attacking the Kingdom of Heaven / Kingdom of God?

Response:

D. [Job 1:6-12](#) (CEB) {PoG}

One day the divine beings {Sons of Man} came to present themselves before the Lord, and the Adversary also came among them. 7 The Lord said to the Adversary, "Where did you come from?" The Adversary answered the Lord, "From wandering throughout the earth." 8 The Lord said to the Adversary, "Have you thought about my servant Job; surely there is no one like him on earth, a man who is honest, who is of absolute integrity, who reveres God and avoids evil?" 9 The Adversary answered the Lord, "Does Job revere God for nothing? 10 Haven't you fenced him in—his house and all he has—and blessed the work of his hands so that his possessions extend throughout the earth? 11 But stretch out your hand and strike all he has. He will certainly curse {[H1281](#): Bless} you to your face." 12 The Lord said to the Adversary, "Look, all he has is within your power; only don't stretch out your hand against him." So the Adversary left the Lord's presence.

[Job 2:1-7](#) (CEB) {PoG}

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Question: What was Satan doing when he spoke with God (read [Revelations 12:10](#) above)? Did God bring the calamity to Job and his entire family/domain? Can Satan do the same thing to us that he did to Job—why?

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E. [John 16:7-11](#) (CEB)

I assure you that it is better for you that I go away. If I don't go away, the Companion won't come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. 8 When he comes, he will show the world it was wrong about sin, righteousness, and judgment. 9 He will show the world it was wrong about sin because they don't believe in me. 10 He will show the world it was wrong about righteousness because I'm going to the Father and you won't see me anymore. 11 He will show the world it was wrong about judgment because this world's ruler stands condemned.

Question: What does it mean to you that the Holy Spirit is reminding the world of Satan already being judged?

Response:

F. [Colossians 2:6-15](#) (CEB)

So live in Christ Jesus the Lord in the same way as you received him. 7 Be rooted and built up in him, be established in faith, and overflow with thanksgiving just as you were taught. 8 See to it that nobody enslaves you with philosophy and foolish deception, which conform to human traditions and the way the world thinks and acts rather than Christ. 9 All the fullness of deity lives in Christ's body. 10 And you have been filled by him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. 11 In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not administered by human hands. The circumcision of Christ is realized in the stripping away of the whole self dominated by sin. 12 You were buried with him through baptism and raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. 13 When you were dead because of the things you had done wrong and because your body wasn't circumcised, God made you alive with Christ and forgave all the things you had done wrong. 14 He destroyed the record of the debt we owed, with its requirements that worked against us. He cancelled it by nailing it to the cross. 15 When he disarmed the rulers and authorities, he exposed them to public disgrace by leading them in a triumphal parade.

Question: What are ways we re-arm rulers and authorities that try and stand against us?

Response:

G. [1 Corinthians 15:20-28; 45-49](#) (CEB)

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead. He's the first crop of the harvest of those who have died. 21 Since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came through one too. 22 In the same way that everyone dies in Adam, so also everyone will be given life in Christ. 23 Each event will happen in the right order: Christ, the first crop of the harvest, then those who belong to Christ at his coming, 24 and then the end, when Christ hands over the kingdom to God the Father, when he brings every form of rule, every authority and power to an end. 25 It is necessary for him to rule until he puts all enemies under his feet. 26 Death is the last enemy to be brought to an end, 27 since he has brought everything under control under his feet. When it says that everything has been brought under his control, this clearly means everything except for the one who placed everything under his control. 28 But when all things have been brought under his control, then the Son himself will also be under the control of the one who gave him control over everything so that God may be all in all.

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45 So it is also written, The first human, Adam, became a living person, and the last Adam became a spirit that gives life. 46 But the physical body comes first, not the spiritual one—the spiritual body comes afterward. 47 The first human was from the earth made from dust; the second human is from heaven. 48 The nature of the person made of dust is shared by people who are made of dust, and the nature of the heavenly person is shared by heavenly people. 49 We will look like the heavenly person in the same way as we have looked like the person made from dust.

Question: Which do you feel has more authority in life: the physical body or the spiritual?

Response:

H. [Ephesians 6:10-18](#) (CEB)

Finally, be strengthened by the Lord and his powerful strength. 11 Put on God's armour so that you can make a stand against the tricks of the devil. 12 We aren't fighting against human enemies but against rulers, authorities, forces of cosmic darkness, and spiritual powers of evil in the heavens. 13 Therefore, pick up the full armour of God so that you can stand your ground on the evil day and after you have done everything possible to still stand. 14 So stand with the belt of truth around your waist, justice as your breastplate, 15 and put shoes on your feet so that you are ready to spread the good news of peace. 16 Above all, carry the shield of faith so that you can extinguish the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is God's word. 18 Offer prayers and petitions in the Spirit all the time. Stay alert by hanging in there and praying for all believers.

Question: What are we fighting? Do you feel you have the full armour of God already?

Response:

I. Devil is trying to deceive us:

[1 Peter 5:8](#) (CEB)

Be clearheaded. Keep alert. Your accuser, the devil, is on the prowl like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

[James 4:7](#) (CEB)

Therefore, submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will run away from you.

Question: What are we to resist (see the Greek above)? Do you feel you have the power / authority to resist?

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J. Our position:

[Philippians 2:7b-11](#) (CEB) {PoG}

When he {Jesus} found himself in the form of a human, 8 he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore, God highly honoured him and gave him a name above all names, 10 so that at the name of Jesus everyone in heaven, on earth, and under the earth might bow 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

[Ephesians 2:6](#) (CEB)

And God raised us up and seated us in the heavens with Christ Jesus.

[1 Corinthians 12:27](#) (CEB)

You are the body of Christ and parts of each other.

[1 John 4:17b](#) (CEB) {PoG}

because we are exactly the same as God {Jesus} is in this world.

Question: Does anything have authority over Jesus? What is our position? If we are exactly as Christ Jesus is (right now on this earth), should we doubt we have His authority?

Response:

IV. FURTHER THOUGHT:

A. Christ is our reminder:

[Romans 8:31-34](#) (CEB)

So what are we going to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 32 He didn't spare his own Son but gave him up for us all. Won't he also freely give us all things with him? 33 Who will bring a charge against God's elect people? It is God who acquits them. 34 Who is going to convict them? It is Christ Jesus who died, even more, who was raised, and who also is at God's right side. It is Christ Jesus who also pleads our case for us.

[1 John 2:1-2](#) (CEB)

My little children, I'm writing these things to you so that you don't sin. But if you do sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. 2 He is God's way of dealing with our sins, not only ours but the sins of the whole world.

Thoughts: Even if Satan still had the ability to go before God like in [Job 6:1-12](#) and [Job 2:1-6](#) (which he cannot), Jesus is there as our intercessor (court-appointed attorney). Likewise, if we ourselves condemn ourselves for our actions or inactions (sins), Jesus stands in for ourselves as well—because we are in essence doing what Satan was doing as we accuse ourselves in front of God. Jesus not only intercedes on our behalf, He (with the Holy Spirit) remind us that all our sins were taken at the Cross; that anything we try to bring to God as our own offense can never have any legal hold on us: WE HAVE BEEN MADE FREE! Remember this always.

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