

The Authority of Christ In The Life of The Believer

Text: ~~3~~ Col. 3: 17

Intro

1. Perhaps one of the most important aspects of being a Disciple of Christ is ~~seeing~~ ^{understanding} our position of authority in Christ.
2. In this regard the beginning principle of authority is the magnitude of central thrust of history.
3. The problem many people is seeing our place - as history.
4. The central principle of the Great Inquiries is:
 - 1) Jesus or Thomas?
 - 2) Contemporary or the past?

- the hills of Zion.
- 3) Not just a small city → Jerusalem
 - 4) Not just any hill → special hill called Calvary.
 - 5) Was at Calvary → (1) Man named Jesus was lifted up to die for us.
- that changed the course of history.
- (2) Revealed → image of ourselves etc.
- (3) Relationship with God → central

He is the Christ of the suffering love

6. What we have to understand is the meaning of our lives.
- 1) There is a philosophy of life
 - (1) Always repeating itself.
 - (2) Growing.
 - (3) Accomplishing no thing.
 - (4) Without an identity.
 - 2) There is a philosophy of frustration + despair.

7. Then the Bible leads to become the center of our lives.

- 1) Col. 1:17 → Christ was before all things
- 2) John 1:3 → All things were made by Him + without Him, not a thing ~~was~~ made that was made
- 3) Heb. 1:3 → He regulates the universe by the power of His mighty command
- 4) Rom. 8:28-30 →
- 5) ~~The first~~ I Cor. 3:21-23 →
 - (1) So then no more boasting about men.
 - (2) All things are yours
 - (3) Whether Paul or Apolos or Cephas.
 - (4) Or the word or life or death.
 - (5) Or the present or the future
 - (6) All are yours
 - (7) And you are of Christ
 - (8) And Christ is of God.

9. Bring us to the text: Quail → 3:15-17

10. Questions: What does this mean?

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11. Analyze these men → authority of Christ in the life of the believer.

I. Activated Authority:

1. Vers 17 → In the name of Jesus.
2. Not sure we really understand the significance of the name of Jesus.
3. The power of authority is in the name of Jesus. → In Christ relationship.
4. Means we have to understand we are "in Jesus." → phrase used 7 times in John 14, 15. → Means:
 - 1) To be in spiritual unity with Christ.
 - 2) To be ingrafted into the source (Christ).
 - 3) To be energized by the love of Christ.
 - 4) To ~~be~~ obey Christ.
 - 5) To dwell in Christ.
 - 6) To be filled with the Holy Spirit.
 - 7) To return the power of the Word.
5. Summarized in John 15: 5-8:
6. What that means is → describes His model:
 - 1) Psalm 135: 3 → rejoice in His name.

- 2) Leb. 13:15 → Praise in His name.
- 3) I Jn. 3:23 → Believe in His name.
- 4) Jn. 16:26,27 → Petition in His name.
- I Jn. 4:4 5) Power over Satan → in His name → parent of the cross → At the cross:
- (1) Jn. 12:31-33 → Christ drove out Satan.
 - (2) Col. 2:15 → Heir of the power + authority.
 - (3) Leb. 2:14 → Heir of Satan + unclean spirits.
 - (4) As a result → Eph. 1:20,22 is a reality →
- ① vs. 19 → Great power for those who believe in the working of Christ's mighty God strength.
 - ② vs. 20 → Exalted in Christ when he raised him from the dead + seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms.
 - ③ vs. 21 → Far above all rule + authority, power + dominion + every title that can be given → not only in the present age but also in the one to come.
 - ④ vs. 22 → And God placed all things under his feet + appointed him to be head over everything for the church.
 - ⑤ vs. 23 → which is his body → the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.
7. 2nd : Drug Abuse

II. Assured Authority

1. Verses 15/16
2. What does this mean? → praise + word = praise.
3. Brings us into the fact → authority life is a praise life: → Heb. 13:15 → continually
4. What does praise do for us?
 - 1) Renews strength → Isa. 40: 29-31
 → Spurgeon → When we bless God for mercies we prolong them. When we bless God for mercies → we extend them
 - 2) Clarifies vision → II Chron. 20: 20.
 - 3) Cleanses the soul → Ps. 66: 18 →
 If I had cherished sin in my heart → the Lord would not have listened. →
I Jn. 1: 7 → Walk in light // Rev 7: 14
 - 4) Empowers Prayer →
- (1) Larkin → When I cannot pray, I always sing
- (2) Psalm 50: 14, 15 → Secretly thank offering to God → fulfill your vows to the most high → Call upon me in the day of trouble → I will deliver you & you will honor me.

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5) Multi-Part →

(1) Prison 55.11 → I call to God / sweet February

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God says no

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He hears my voice

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Removes me and answers

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Hears me + calls my enemies

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Ps. 22 Call your name, O Lord

+ He will save you + he will never let

the righteous fail.

Self: John Wesley - P. 155 (Prayer)

Self: Fisher → P. 156

Self: just like us.
2 scriptures

1) Act 2: 34 → Promise is for you

2) James 5: 17 → Elijah was a

man just like us.