

His Authority Affirmed In YOU!

**“It’s like a man going away:
he leaves his house and
puts his servants in charge,
each with his assigned task, and
tells the one at the door to keep watch.”
Mark 13:34**

Authority provides jurisdiction within the realm and boundaries of His spiritual laws. In Acts 28:18 - 20, God promises his people authority and empowerment to proclaim the gospel throughout the world. (Lk 24:47-49; Ac 1:8; 2:4)

Jesus gave authority to His disciples to do the following:

- *drive out all demons**
 - *cure diseases**
 - *preach the kingdom of God**
 - *heal the sick.**
 - *trample on snakes and scorpions, most dangerous forces of evil**
 - *overcome all power of the enemy**
- (Luke 9:1; 10:19-20)**

Jesus also warns the disciples to rejoice only in the fact that their names are written in heaven, rather than become self-absorbed, egotistical, presumptuous persons, who rejoice in their authority, rather than His authority!

Through Jesus’ Name

**You are one of
Jesus Christ’s ambassadors,
one of His representatives,
who have been given
the honor and privilege
to use His authority.
Don’t misuse or abuse
this profound honor!**

YOUR COMMISSION:

**“Go into all the world
and preach the good news
to all creation.
Whoever believes and is baptized
will be saved,**

**but whoever does not believe
will be condemned.
And these signs will accompany
those who believe.
In my name
they will drive out demons;
they will speak in new tongues,
they will pick up snakes
with their hands;
and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all;
they will place their hands
on sick people,
and they will get well.”**

(Mark 16:15 – 18)

God’s Permissive/Perfect Will

God permits and allows things to happen, even though he does not specifically desire it to happen. Much that happens in the world is contrary to God’s perfect will: sin, lust, violence, hatred and hard heartedness, yet he permits evil to continue for the time being. The decision of many people to remain unsaved; and, thus lost for all eternity is permitted by God, for he does not force saving faith on those who refuse to accept his Son’s salvation. Many troubles and evils that befall a person in life are permitted by God (1 Pe 3:17; 4:19); but they are not necessarily his desire or ultimate will for that person. (1 Jn 5:19)

God’s perfect will is found in the precepts of his scriptures. As a Christian, your actions should correlate with these precepts. In becoming familiar with these precepts, you will want to begin by studying the Ten Commandments found in Exodus 20; the benefits of salvation found in Psalms 103; and the motives for acting righteously found in Matthew 6. We are called to battle sin, evil and mediocrity. Satan causes much of the pain and suffering of the world, so we say...but really, what about our actions or lack of actions? Satan is ultimately responsible; however, we choose to allow his evil precepts to control the earth by submitting to his temptations. Take responsibility for your actions, repent and revive your spirit.

