

Lesson 2: AUTHORITY

Lesson Focus

“ALL POWER” is Given to Jesus

Base Scripture

Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8

Aim

To show believers and unbelievers the Power of God unto Salvation

Memory Verses	<p><u>Matthew 28:18-20</u></p> <p>And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.</p> <p>Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:</p> <p>Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.</p>
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Goals: Student will learn:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• the great commission and pass the Gospel along to others.• Jesus' death at Calvary fulfilled God's promise of salvation. <p>His resurrection gives the promise of eternal life.</p>
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DAILY ACTIVITIES: For the Week

Introduction: The word "authority" often stirs negative feelings in most people. Authority often has a negative connotation; however, the source of all authority is God. Thus, it is essential for us to learn what God has revealed to us about this subject. This week's focus on "Authority" is all about the Power and who has it." Everybody who follows Jesus will encounter a myriad of "authorities" that directly challenge the authority of Christ. These other "authorities" may be parents, teachers, bosses, presidents, institutions, religions, or ideologies. In order to stay firm in devotion to Jesus, we must believe that He has supreme authority or power over all. Not partial authority, not most authority—all authority.

Based on his authority, he commissioned his people to go and make disciples among every people group on earth. This would be an impossible commission were it not for the promise that he is with them forever. The doctrine of the supreme authority of Christ not only upholds the work of the church, but it is also the central message that the church preaches. "Jesus is Lord" is good news!

Wednesday The Final Authority

1. Read the following scriptures 2 Timothy 2:15, Matthew 28:18 and John 12:49.
2. Explain how Christians should rightly divide the word of truth
3. Write down what the authority of Christ now means in your life?
4. It is important to remember that God's Word is our authority. His Word is our standard for living. It doesn't matter, what is final is what God says. Write down how you should allow God's authority rule and guide your life.

Thursday **Ungodly Religion**

1. Begin today by reading the following scriptures, 2 Timothy 3:1-5,2 Timothy 4:1-4 and read another description of powerless religion.
2. What is the problem with the kinds of religion or "ungodliness" described here?
3. Give an example of ungodliness in modern times and in biblical times.
4. Why would carefully following God's message lead to powerful religion as opposed to powerless religion?

Friday **Skill Needed**

Begin your study today by reading 2 Timothy 2: 24-26. Take a few minutes to memorize this.

1. Write a brief explanation of each of these statements:
 - (a) Christians must model right attitudes so that others will want to submit to God's Authority.
 - (b) Christians must flee temptations, like pleasure & power to avoid ruining their lives
 - (c) Christians must hold forth God's word and use it as their standard of authority

Saturday **Sound Doctrine**

1. Read Romans 1:16-17, 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, 1 Timothy 4:16. & Titus 2:1. Before you start today's study, ask yourself:
2. Fear caused Peter to deny Christ. What would cause you to deny Christ or hinder you from sharing the Word of God?
3. Explain how there is no power in the things we tell people if we are not living the life we proclaim.
4. Recreate your own story of how you heard God's word and obeyed it in the end.
5. How do you know if what you're speaking is Sound Doctrine?

Sunday

The Word is Power-full

Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Hebrews 4:12-13 and James 1:22-25.

1. Make a short list of things that God's Word can do for you.
2. Explain why it is equally important to know God's word as well as to do what it says. Turn to.
3. The person who doesn't put God's Word into practice will forget what he or she looks like. List some benefits of doing what God's word say and some hinderance if you don't.

Monday

"Truth" or "Error"?

Read Proverbs 14:12, I Samuel 15:1-23.

Very often in the practice of religion people make decisions to do something because what they "think" seems more right to them than what God's Word actually says.

- 1 How do we differentiate between doing what God says and what we think God has said?
- 2 Write down some examples of how Saul's problem might be found in someone's life today.
- 3 In view of Saul's problem, what attitude should you have toward God's Word?

Tuesday

Founded on a Rock

1. Write down some things you have learned and are wanting to do your third week in our study. Share your ideas and thoughts (regarding what you wrote down) with a brother or sister and let them help you and encourage you.
2. Turn to Matthew 7:21-27, Luke 6:46-49.
 - o How do you know if you built your spiritual house on The Rock or in The Sand?
 - o What does Luke say about the one who builds hishouse on the rock?
 - o The right attitude towards God's Word is a crucial foundation for future growth. Read and memorize Psalm 1:1-3. It is so important to stay planted by the stream. Carry this Psalm in your heart, meditate on it often, respond to its challenge, and you will grow!