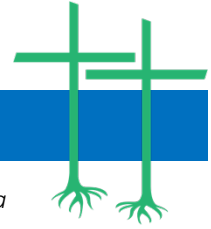


MINISTRY TOOL #14 – FOR BREAKING TIES

Authority in Christ

As a believer, seated with Christ in the heavenly realms, you have the authority to speak things into a person's life in the name of Jesus.



Ephesians 2:6 – And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.

EXPLANATION:

Since Jesus died and rose again, He now has “all authority in heaven and on earth” (Matthew 28:18). He holds the keys of death and the grave (Revelation 1:18). After He rose from the dead, He ascended and sat down at the Father’s right hand, “with angels, authorities, and powers in submission to Him” (1 Peter 3:22).

Father God “exalted Him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Philippians 2:9–11).

That’s the throne on which He sits.

And that’s the throne on which *you* sit.

Revelation 3:21 says, “To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne.” And this isn’t about the distant future. We learn from Ephesians 2:6 that we are, right now, seated with Christ in the heavenly realms.

When we die to self and let Jesus live through us, He expresses His supreme, victorious authority through us. When we live in our identities as new creations—sons and daughters of the living God—demons tremble in our presence, sicknesses flee in response to our touch, and miracles happen at the sound of our voice.

This is why Jesus said we would do greater works than even Him. He said this would happen “because I am going to the Father.” The authority Jesus walks in now—after His resurrection—is greater than the authority He walked in when He walked this earth. We’re not better than Him, but we do have an advantage that He didn’t have during His earthly ministry: post-resurrection authority. It’s not that we technically do greater things than Jesus; it’s that Jesus is doing greater things than He did when He walked this earth, and He does those things through His Body, the Church. The Holy Spirit, who dwells within us, unites us to the risen, glorified

Christ so that He can express His power and authority through us, bringing His kingdom to bear on the earth.

2 Corinthians 5:16–21 – So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

GOSPEL SUMMARY:

When we minister in the authority of Jesus, we illustrate the gospel. We demonstrate that Jesus is Lord. This gives people a practical encounter with the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords.

HOW TO:

- ❑ **Colossians 3:17** says, **“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”**
 - **Sometimes you will feel led by the Spirit to declare something over a person.**
 - “In the name of Jesus, that experience has no more authority over your life. You are free.”
 - “That person’s manipulative influence over you is now broken in Jesus’ name. Be free.”
 - “In the name of Jesus, I cancel the assignment of the enemy and declare that you are more than a conqueror through Christ.
 - **Sometimes you will feel led by the Spirit to speak blessing over the person.**
 - “In Jesus’ name, I proclaim that you will no longer have night terrors. I bless your sleep and command your body to rest well.”
 - **Sometimes you will feel led to prophetically speak in opposition to a lie.**
 - “In the name of Jesus, I declare you are no longer a victim. You are more than a conqueror through Christ who lives in you.”
- ❑ **Anything the Lord leads you to speak from His throne will carry the full weight of His authority.**
 - **Voice forgiveness whenever people confess sin.**
 - “If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven” (John 20:23).
 - **Listen to God’s voice and know your assignment.**
 - Guessing isn’t authority. In John 12:50, Jesus said, “I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say.”