

What if I lived with Power & Authority

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Ephesians 1:17-22

17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. 18 I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, 20 which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church.

- JESUS WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT (Luke 1:35)
- JESUS RECEIVED THE HOLY SPIRIT AT BAPTISM (Luke 3:21-22)
- JESUS' MINISTRY WAS EMPOWERED AND DIRECTED BY THE SPIRIT (Luke 4:1)
- JESUS WAS EMPOWERED ON THE CROSS BY THE SPIRIT (Hebrews 9:14)
- JESUS WAS RESURRECTED BY THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT (Ephesians 1:20-22 - Romans 8:11)
- JESUS PROCLAIMED THAT HE WAS RETURNING TO THE FATHER TO SIT AT HIS RIGHT HAND (Matthew 22:41-46)
- JESUS PROMISED TO SEND THE HOLY SPIRIT AND HE ASCENDED SO WE COULD RECEIVE THE SPIRIT (John 16:7 - Luke 24:49 - Acts 2:32-33)

THEREFORE...

1. JESUS HAS THE POWER HE CLAIMED TO HAVE

Matthew 26:63-64

63... The high priest said to him, "I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." 64 "Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied. "But I say to all of you: In the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."

2. JESUS IS INDEED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER

Romans 8:34

34... Christ Jesus, who died — more than that, who was raised to life — is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

Acts 5:29-32

29 Peter and the other apostles replied (to the high priest): "We must obey God rather than men! 30 The God of our fathers raised Jesus from the dead — whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. 31 God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel. 32 We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

Acts 7:55-56

55 But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 56 "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

3. JESUS HAS ALL POWER & AUTHORITY AND CONVEYS THAT POWER TO YOU

Acts 1:8

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Matthew 28:18-19

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...