

The Supreme Authority of Christ in All Things

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Matthew 28:18-20

I. What Jesus Claimed About Himself

Matthew 28:18 (NIV)

“Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.’”

Nothing that has been created in heaven or on earth, seen or unseen lies outside of Christ’s authority and complete control.

II. What Does This Mean Specifically?

1. *Christ has authority over the angels-Matthew 13:40-41*

2. *Christ has authority over demons - Mark 5:2-13*

3. *Christ has authority over Satan, the Prince of Demons - Matthew 12:25-29*

4. *Christ has authority to judge - Acts 17:30-31*

5. *Christ has authority over nature - Mark 4:37-41*

6. *Christ has authority over the Law of Nature –
Matthew 14:22-25*

7. *Christ has authority over all diseases and sicknesses - Matthew 10:1*

8. *Christ has authority to forgive sins - Matthew 9:1-8*

9. *Christ has authority over death - Revelation 1:17-18*

III. What Does This Say About Jesus?

IV. What Are Some Applications For Our Lives?

1. *In the Community - Romans 13:1-2*

2. *In the Home*

a. *For Husbands - Ephesians 5:25; Ephesians 6:4*

b. For Wives - Ephesians 5:22-24

c. For Children - Ephesians 6:1-3

3. In the Church - Hebrews 13:17

4. In the Mission Field - Matthew 28:18-20

Bring everyone everywhere including ourselves into submission to the authority of Christ through the preaching of the Gospel because all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to HIM.

Questions for Application:

1. What other specific areas in heaven and on earth does Scripture say Christ has authority over?
2. What does Christ's authority over all things in heaven and on earth reveal to us about Him?
3. Why do you think we are so prone to resist authority?
4. There were instances when Christ chose not to exercise his authority. Can you name specific examples from scripture where he did this? What can you learn from this as it relates to our own God-given authority?
5. Are there specific instances in the past week where you did not subject yourself under your earthly authorities?
6. *If you find it hard to subject yourself under any specific area of authority in your life then invite the group to pray for you.*