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4th of July Celebration

Authority Of The Believer
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Celebrating the victory of America over Britain was a seven year period before it became fact but, we are gathered to celebrate the victory that Jesus wrought over Satan and sin where sin no longer rules over the Christian person and now Jesus has given the authority to the church and the church dominates and rules over the adversary. We are celebrating that victory from over 2,000 years ago. This is a victory that many church people are unfamiliar with.

The church, which is made up of people have been given the authority over the forces of darkness and every demon spirit through the name of Jesus Christ, there is power in that name..

Matt 28: 18-20 " *And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 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.*" KJV

Jesus made disciples of them as he instructed them to go into all the world with the power that He had given them. Disciples are disciplined followers. It is a greater challenge to make disciplined followers than to make converts..

Mark 16: 17-18 " *And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.*" KJV

Luke 10:19 " *Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.*" KJV

In addition to the power that He had given them, He gave instruction on how to use that power with signs to follow. These are supernatural signs in the believer's lives. But it is all about the authority that has been given to them

As we face the events going on around us, we must remember that there has always been a struggle from the beginning of time. A greater victory is celebrated every day because of what

Jesus has done for us. The bible teaches us that Lucifer or Satan was in the garden of Eden from the very beginning. But then pride entered into Lucifer's heart and he proclaimed that he would exalt himself above God. He led an insurrection and took a third of the angels with him. They did not succeed and were cast down to earth. The Lord gave Adam authority until Satan came again and through deception he was able to deceive Adam and Eve and they gave the authority back to Satan. .

Ezek 28: 13 " Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created." KJV

Isaiah 14:13-14 " For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High" KJV

2 Cor 4:4 "In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." KJV

In John chapters 12, 14 and 16 Satan is mentioned as the prince and the power of the air..

Then Jesus came along and as God's intention was from the beginning of man, took the authority from him again and as restored the power back to man. Anyone who accepts Jesus as their personal saviour, authority is given to them.

This is what the church does not understand, of who they are in Jesus. They have authority over every demon spirit. The sixth chapter of Ephesians tells us that we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, other people, but over demon spirits. We have been given spiritual authority.

Eph 1:17-23 "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: 18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, 19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, 20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, 21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: 22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, 23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all." KJV

v. 17 ***The spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him, is the spirit of seeing and knowing***

v. 18 ***The eyes of understanding, the glorious inheritance which is in us.***

v. 19 - 20 ***The exceeding greatness of power, that power which raised Christ from the dead***

v. 21 - 23 *Giving Jesus a name above all names, making Him Lord over all, putting all things under Him and giving all this power to His church, his body.*

Jesus has been exalted in heavenly places. When Jesus was raised, the heavenly Father saw us raised in Him. With all things being under Jesus' feet, then all things have been placed under our feet. Ruling and reigning in life.

Eph 2:6: *"And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:"* KJV

Rom 5:17 *"For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)"* KJV

Rom 5:17 *"For if because of one man's trespass (lapse, offense) death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive [God's] overflowing grace (unmerited favor) and the free gift of righteousness [putting them into right standing with Himself] reign as kings in life through the one Man Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One)."* AMP

Seeing and knowing will enable us to realize that we have authority over any plan that the enemy has devised against us. We have authority over those plans and are to rule over those plans. We are more than conquerors.

Eph 3: 10 *"To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,"* KJV

Eph 6:10-11 *"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."* KJV

Jesus is in us through the new birth and the following scripture tells us about the God-head which dwells in us. We are the habitation of the Holy Ghost who is the power of God.

Col 2:9-10: *"For in Him the whole fullness of Deity (the Godhead) continues to dwell in bodily form [giving complete expression of the divine nature].10 And you are in Him, made full and having come to fullness of life [in Christ you too are filled with the Godhead—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—and reach full spiritual stature]. And He is the Head of all rule and authority [of every angelic principality and power]."* AMP

Eph 6:11 *"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."*KJV

Paul is teaching here that the devil is going to come against the believer, but that we must learn how to stand against him. He is not saying that we will be defeated but is teaching us how to stand. by putting on the armour of God.

The wiles of the devil, meaning method, a settled plan to destroy and defeat us. It will always involve three things, trickery, craftiness and deceit

God always has a plan for us and His plan always has a favorable outcome.

Jer 29:11 " *For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.*" KJV

Eph 4:27 "*Neither give place to the devil*" KJV

James 4:6-7 "*But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*" KJV

1 Peter 5:8-9 "*Be sober, be vigilant;* *because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.*" KJV

2 Chron 16:9 "*For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars.*" KJV

The devil is walking around looking for someone to devour, but the Lord is running to and fro looking for someone to whom He can show Himself strong.

Our responsibility is to resist the devil. Resist means to defy, to oppose, to stand successfully against. Don't adopt the plan of the devil. We are not resisting by our own strength, but the strength that God has deposited on the inside of us through His Son Jesus. He gives more grace to meet any evil tendency.