



Through the Cross Authority & Power

1 Corinthians 1:18 (NIV®)

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but **to us who are being saved it is the power of God.**

I. Authority Granted

John 16:22-24 (NIV®)

²² "So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.

²³ In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.

²⁴ **Until now you have not asked for anything in my name.** Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete."

John 14:12-14 (NIV®)

¹² "I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it."

A. Direction of the Holy Spirit (under authority)

Acts 1:4-5 (NIV®)

⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, **he gave them this command:** "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

B. Chapter 2/the Disciples Practicum

Acts 2:42-43 (NIV®)

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe, and **many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles.**

Acts 3:6-7 (NIV®)

⁶ Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. **In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.**" ⁷ Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong.

1. Peter explains to the gathered crowd

Acts 3:16 (NIV®)

¹⁶ "By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. **It is Jesus' name** and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see."

2. Before the Sanhedrin/"ruling council"

Acts 4:10 (NIV®)

¹⁰ "...then know this, you and all the people of Israel: **It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,** whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed."

3. Prayer of the Church after Peter/John released

Acts 4:29-30 (NIV®)

²⁹ "Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. ³⁰ **Stretch**

out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

4. Arrested again, threatened

Acts 5:40-42 (NIV®)

They called the apostles in and had them flogged. **Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus**, and let them go. ⁴¹ The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been **counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name**. ⁴² Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ.

C. Knowing Jesus

Acts 19:13-16 (NIV®)

¹³ Some Jews who went around driving out evil spirits tried to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who were demon-possessed. They would say, "In the name of Jesus, whom Paul preaches, I command you to come out." ¹⁴ Seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this. ¹⁵ [One day] the evil spirit answered them, "**Jesus I know, and I know about Paul**, but who are you?" ¹⁶ Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all. He gave them such a beating that they ran out of the house naked and bleeding.

II. Jesus' Authority

Matthew 28:16-20 (NIV®)

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 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, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

1 Peter 3:21-22 (NIV®)

It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand--**with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him**.

Romans 14:9 (NIV®)

⁹ For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be **the Lord of both the dead and the living**.

Ephesians 1:22-23 (NIV®)

²² **And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church**, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Colossians 2:9-10 (NASB®)

⁹ For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, ¹⁰ and in Him you have been made complete, and **He is the head over all rule and authority**;

Romans 8:37-39 (NIV)

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Prayer

Almighty God,

I thank you that in Jesus I am more than a conqueror. Your love is greater than any expression of evil which confronts me. I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate me from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus my Lord. Through the blood of Jesus, I am redeemed out of the hand of the devil, amen.

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