

The Authority of Christ

Matthew 28:18-20

- **Authority**

- The power of rule or government; the power of Him whose will and commands must be submitted to by others and obeyed
 - The power or right to command or rule
 - The power or right to act

- Matthew 8:5-10

- To be under the authority of one is to be under their rule or command

- Matthew 21:23-27

- To have authority to do a thing is to have the right or power granted by the one who has the right or power to grant it
 - Contrast with presuming or usurping
- Two possible sources
 - Divine or human

- **God has ultimate authority**
- Genesis 1:1
- Psalm 103:19
- Romans 13:1

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- All authority given to Christ
 - Philippians 2:9-10

- Preaching Christ involves preaching His authority
- Hebrews 1:1-4
 - Prophet
 - Priest
 - King
- Acts 4:7; 8:12

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- Matthew 16:24
- Making disciples includes
 - Baptizing
 - Teaching
- His authority seen in both
 - Baptizing “in the name of”
 - Teaching them to observe all things “I have commanded you”
 - Positive, divine authority

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- Vss. 19-20

- Observe = keep

- John 12:48

- 1 Peter 2:21

- Philippians 2:5

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 - John 14:26; 16:13-15
 - 1 Corinthians 14:37

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 - 2 Peter 1:15
 - 1 Corinthians 2:13
 - Ephesians 3:3-5
 - 2 Timothy 3:16-17

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 - Romans 15:4
 - Luke 16:16
 - Colossians 2:13-17

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 - The councils, synods, conventions
 - The Pope
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- You will submit to Christ in all aspects of life

- Morally
- Worship
- The choices you make
- How you treat others
- Colossians 3:17
- Matthew 7:21-23

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- John 8:31-32
- 1 Corinthians 15:1-2
- Not go beyond
 - 2 John 9
- Grow in
 - 2 Peter 3:18

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- You will accept, believe, and practice what Jesus taught about how disciples are made

- Hearing the gospel – Romans 10:17
- Believing the gospel – Romans 10:9-10
- Repenting – Acts 17:30
- Confessing Jesus as Lord – Romans 10:9-10
- Being baptized in the name of Jesus
 - Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:38

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