

All Authority

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Ken Klaus wrote about an experience that taught him a valuable lesson: A year or two ago a friend offered me a ride in his custom Corvette. That machine was beautiful to look at, impressive to sit in. Riding a few inches off the ground, my friend put that contraption through its paces. In first gear I was thrown back into the seat. In second gear it felt like the G-force was stretching my face, just like that of the astronauts during a blastoff. In third gear we blew by an 18-wheeler like he was standing still. It was fantastic!

Then, when we were doing about 1,000 miles an hour (I may be exaggerating there), we came upon a parked police vehicle. The Vette slowed down. The 18-wheeler slowed down. Everybody slowed down. And that's the point. That Vette had POWER! That 18-wheeler, with a full load and a big diesel engine, had POWER!

But now that parked police car....., it had AUTHORITY! There are in this world a great many groups, individuals and organizations that have POWER. They have the financial, political or logical clout to impress us, seduce us and intimidate us. But when it comes to AUTHORITY, that's different.

Satan has power. "His power lies in his ability to deceive. When we fall for his deceptions, we give him authority over our lives and he takes us captive" (Rob Chaffart). Jesus said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin" (John 8:34). And, "the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23).

But Christ has power AND authority! He demonstrated these attributes throughout His earthly ministry by His miracles. His most astounding expression of power and authority was demonstrated when He died on the cross for our sins and was resurrected from the dead three days later. By His death, burial, and resurrection, He defeated Satan (cf. Hebrews 2:14) and made our redemption possible! "For God has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins" (Col 1:13-14).

In order to receive salvation and the gift of eternal life, we must submit our lives to the Authority of Christ by placing our faith and trust in Him (Acts 16:30-31), turning from our sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confessing Him before men (Romans 10:9-10), and being baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). Then as we continue to submit to His authority in obedience to His will, His blood will continue to cleanse us from sin (1 John 1:7).

There is power, but then there is power and authority! Jesus has both!



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WELCOME!

<u>Sunday</u>	Bible Class- 9:30 a.m. Worship- 10:30 a.m.
<u>Wednesday</u>	Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

All the churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:16

Today's Sermon: What Must I Do for You to be Saved?

Arthur will be preaching this morning.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 118:14-25

Sermons are recorded and are available for listening on the church website.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ❖ **Sunday Morning Bible Class:** Paul will be continuing his lessons on the **Psalms** and stopping to sing a song from our songbook when appropriate.
- ❖ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** March 16th, on Zoom, 6:30pm- Arthur will be continuing a series of lessons on **Signs of the Times**.
- ❖ **Next Potluck and Bring-a-Friend Sunday** March 20th.
Theme: SPRING NEXT WEEK
- ❖ **Ladies' Class on Tuesday, March 15th, on Zoom.** We will meet at 10am. We will study the words of the Apostle Peter, using the study book **Living Stones by Casandra Martin. Lesson 7, Day 2.**
- ❖ **Next 5th Sunday Singing- May 29th, here at Valley Cities.**



MAGI BOX NEEDS:

Keep checking the list in the front foyer on the bulletin board. We can still use some tubes of toothpaste, underwear sized for ages 5-7, boys' shorts, 5 more dresses...

SEVEN WEEKS TO GO

Next Sunday there will be a special contribution for Christians in Ukraine for rescue efforts, relocation, generators, and supplies.

Next week is POTLUCK! The theme this time is spring. Remember, it is also Bring-a-Friend Sunday. Bring those friends! <3

PRAYERS

- **Please continue to pray for our brother Jerry Lowe**, who is recovering from a stay in the hospital due to heart problems. Jerry would like to find a church local to where he is staying where he can get a ride to worship.
- **Please continue to pray for Arthur, as it seems there is still some cause for concern about the cancer.** His next visit with the surgeon will be on the 30th by phone.
- **Dawn is ill with Covid** since Wednesday (tested positive on Friday) and appreciates prayer for a quick recovery.
- **Dan Myers** had a lung scan on Thursday to see about a mass. He will be discussing the results of the scan tomorrow with his doctor. Pray for a good outcome.
- Please pray for **Pat Gutherie** because his chemo treatments for lung cancer are becoming hard to bear.
- Please pray for **Deb Barnhardt**, a former colleague of Paul's, as she has lung cancer.
- Pray for:
 - **Linnett Short** (lung cancer, tumor on liver) she is on immunotherapy.
 - **Gail Westerhold** (problems with remaining kidney)
 - **Zachary Cowles** (deployment with the Army)
 - **Steve Noble** (needs lung transplant)
 - **Arthur's brother Chris** in England (Alzheimer's) Pray that Arthur and his sisters will be able to visit Chris this year.
 - **Darlene's friend Connie** (stage 4 lung cancer) Her cancer has spread to other organs in her body.
 - **Jim Sexton** (esophageal cancer)

If you have any PRAYERS or NEWS that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at barncat7237@gmail.com or text or call (607) 261-0911.