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“Healing through recovery with God’s truth”

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I had the opportunity to attend one of Dr. Mathias’ “Biblical Foundations of Freedom” seminars a couple of months ago and it was a life changing event for me. I saw firsthand what God was doing at his seminars; I witnessed how powerful forgiveness is – people were getting set free because they decided to forgive – some had been holding onto unforgiveness for years - and that is why I decided to adapt his book into my Recovery program. Forgiveness is powerful because when we decide to forgive, we are obeying God’s Word and when we obey God, we will be blessed.

I am using these materials from Dr. Mathias’ book and other training aids by permission from him and his wife Patti.

Welcome to the journey that is going to change your life!

God bless,

Dr. Dorothy E. Hooks, PsyD



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- Preface & Introduction (2 hour) – February 21st – 27th.
- What Is Sin – Chapter One (2½ hours) – February 28th – March 6th.
- Discernment – Chapter Two (2½ hours) – March 7th – March 13th.
- Accusing Spirits – Chapter Three (2½ hours) – March 14th – March 20th.
- The Major Strongholds, or Principalities, of Satan – Chapter Four (1½ hours) – March 21st – 27th.
- Principality of Bitterness – Chapter Five (2½ hours) – March 28th – April 3rd.
- Principality of Self-Bitterness, Unloving Spirits – Chapter Six (3½ hours) – April 11th – April 24th.
- Forgiveness – Chapter Seven (2 hours) – April 25th – May 1st.
- Principality of Jealousy & Envy – Chapter Eight (2½ hours) – May 2nd – May 8th.
- Principality of Rejection – Chapter Nine (3½ hours) – May 9th – May 15th.
- Principality of Fear – Chapter Ten (2½ hours) – May 16th – May 22nd.
- Principality of Occultism, Pharmakia, & Sorcery – Chapter Eleven (2½ hours) – May 23rd – May 29th.
- The Kinsman Redeemer – Chapter Twelve (1½ hours) – May 30th – June 5th.
- The Armor of God – Chapter Thirteen (5½ hours) – June 6th – June 12th.
- Our Power and Authority in Christ – Chapter Fourteen (3 hours) – June 13th – June 19th.

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Winter Semester 2010
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June 13th – June 19th

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Topic & Goal:

- **Our Power and Authority in Christ – Goal:** to define and explain our authority in Christ. **To accomplish this goal, we will:** fully explain Christ's authority first then explaining the believer's authority using various scriptures.



Our Power and Authority in Christ

Many different opinions are expressed about the nature of spiritual warfare. I believe we won't have complete agreement about this until we are with Christ. There are some aspects of this study with which you may not agree. I pray that the unity of the Spirit, the bond of peace, will be maintained between us (Ephesians 4:3). None of us sees the whole picture clearly. Rather, we see through a glass darkly. One day we shall all see the truth with absolute clarity.

This chapter may stretch some of your long-held beliefs. Please read and study this in the light of Ephesians 4:3. Have your sword of truth ready, and be sure you use it as God leads you.

First, let's examine Christ's power and authority.

Colossians 1:13 says, "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son...."

Colossians 2:15 says, "And having spoiled principalities and powers, He made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it."

John 12:31 says, "Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out."

Hebrews 2:14 says, "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and food, He also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil...."

In John 3:8 say, "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil."

Jesus came to earth to destroy the kingdom and works of the devil. He had the power to triumph over all principalities and powers. Demons recognized His authority, and they created a scene when Jesus confronted them. Luke 4:34 and Matthew 12:22-32 present such an account: "Then was brought unto Him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and He healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw. And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David? But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub prince of the devils. And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand: And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand? And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges. But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? And then he will spoil his house. He that is not with Me is against Me; and he that gathereth not with Me scattereth abroad."

Matthew 12:43-45 says, "When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished."



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Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation."

The Gospels record at least sixteen incidents of Jesus encountering and casting out demons. During His earthly ministry, He went throughout all Galilee preaching and casting out demons.

Matthew 4:23-25 says, "And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. And His fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto Him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatic, and those that had the palsy; and He healed them. And there followed Him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judaea, and from beyond Jordan."

This Scripture implies that many more people were healed and there were more than sixteen occasions when demons were cast out. Why did Jesus do this?

He came to confront the enemy and set the captives free. He also set an example for us to follow in the continuing war against Satan. The kingdom of God came in the person of Jesus Christ, and with Him came the power and authority of heaven. Jesus cast out demons by the Spirit of God. He bound the strong man and plundered his house, setting those in bondage free and healing their diseases. Following His death and resurrection, we too were set free, and He gave us His Holy Spirit so that we could have power and authority over Satan.

The Sword of the Spirit and prayer are our two offensive weapons in this war with Satan. In warfare, if we want to win, we'll need power and authority greater than that of our enemy. God is on our side, and He gave us His authority and power.

Acts 1:8 says, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

I John 4:4 say, "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world." During His ministry, Jesus demonstrated absolute authority and power over the devil and his demons.

Matthew 4:10 says, "Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve."

Luke 4:31-37 says, "And came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and taught them on the sabbath days. And they were astonished at His doctrine: for His word was with power. And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice, Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with Thee, Thou Jesus of Nazareth? art Thou come to destroy us? I know Thee, who Thou art; the Holy One of God. And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and hurt him not.



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And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word is this! for with authority and power He commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out. And the fame of Him went out into every place of the country round about."

Mark 9:17-29 says, "And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit; And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not. He answereth him, and saith, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto Me. And they brought him unto Him: and when he saw Him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming. And He asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child. And oft times it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us. Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help Thou mine unbelief. When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him. And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead. But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose. And when He was come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, Why could not we cast him out? And He said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting."

Luke 13:10-17 says, "And He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. And He laid His hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day. The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering? And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day? And when He had said these things, all His adversaries were ashamed: and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him."

Luke 22:31-32 says, "And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren."

John 19:10-11 says, "Then saith Pilate unto Him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest Thou not that I have power to crucify Thee, and have power to release Thee? Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against Me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered Me unto thee hath the greater sin."



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These verses prove the absolute authority that Jesus has over the devil. He exercised God's authority and power. Through Jesus Christ, God gave this same power and authority to every believer.

True enough, God's power is not seen as mightily in some believers as in others. This is because either some don't believe they have it, or they don't know how to appropriate it. It is by use of the offensive weapons of the Word and prayer that you appropriate this power and authority.

Luke 9:1-2 says, "Then He called His twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. And He sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick."

Here Jesus sends out the twelve disciples granting them His power and authority. In Luke 10:1-20, He sent out seventy. They healed the sick and cast out demons. When He commissioned them, before they went out, there is no record of them receiving power over demons. When they came back, they were excited because even the demons obeyed them. I suspect they simply did what they had seen Jesus do when He dealt with demons.

Matthew 16:18-19 says, "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

The Church consists of all who believe. The following verses describe many of the promises God made to believers.

Matthew 17:20 says, "And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you."

Matthew 21:22 says, "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."

Mark 9:23 says, "Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth."

Mark 11:22-24 says, "And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

Mark 16:15-20 says, "And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In My name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 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.



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So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, He was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen."

John 14:12 says, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto My Father."

"He that believeth" means each and every believer, as it does in John 3:15-18, 36; John 5:24; John 6:35, 47; John 7:37-39; John 11:25; John 12:44-46; Mark 9:23; Mark 16:15-20; Acts 10:43; Romans 1:16; Romans 3:26; and I John 5:1-10.

The Greek word for "works" means works, deeds, or acts. It is translated "works" 152 times, and "deeds" 22 times. It is clear that He is referring to miracles, healings, signs, wonders, and mighty acts of power (Matthew 11:20-23; Matthew 13:54-58; Matthew 14:2; John 5:20, 36; John 9:3; John 10:25, 32; and John 14:10-12).

Jesus' works consisted of healing all manner of sickness and disease, casting out devils, raising the dead, cleansing lepers and doing innumerable acts of deliverance from all the works of Satan (Matthew 4:23-24; Matthew 9:35; Acts 10:38). Jesus controlled the elements, multiplied food, walked on water, restored a severed ear, and turned water into wine, completing everything He undertook to do in the material and spiritual realms.

"Shall he do also" is a promise that each believer will be endowed with power (Luke 10:19; Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-8) and receive a limitless measure of the Spirit (John 7:37-39), so he can do all of Christ's works, even greater works than He did. To present this as only applying to spiritual works, when Jesus did numerous physical and spiritual works, is a poor excuse for unbelief. To make it refer only to saving souls is to ignore facts, because Jesus also did this. To limit this power only to the works of the apostles robs believers of the benefits of the promise.

The greater works do not refer to reaching more people by means of radio, television and the printed page. These are natural means available to all men, saved or unsaved. No man receives greater power than Christ, for He received the Spirit without measure (John 3:34; Isaiah 11:2; Isaiah 61:1-2). Therefore, the greater works could not refer to doing greater things than Christ could have done had He had the occasion to do them.

The teaching is that each believer can tap power equal to Christ's to do the same works He did, and greater works if the circumstances require it.

"Because I go unto my Father" refers to the fact that Jesus sits at the right hand of the Father making intercessory prayer for us (Luke 22:32).

Dake lists twenty-one reasons that believers should experience greater works in our lives:

1. Satan is cast out (John 12:31).
2. Satan's defeat on the cross (Colossians 2:14-17; I Peter 2:24).
3. Completed redemption (John 19:30; Colossians 2:14-17; I Peter 1:10-12).
4. Spirit baptism which could not be given until Jesus was glorified (John 7:37-39; Acts 1:4-8, 2:33).
5. Christ's intercession for believers (Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25).



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6. His restored glory (John 17:5).
7. High priesthood of Christ (Hebrews 4:14-16, 6:20, 7:11-28, 9:11-15).
8. Headship of all powers (Ephesians 1:20-23; I Peter 3:22; Colossians 2:10).
9. All authority was given to Christ to give to believers (Matthew 28:18-20; John 14:12-15; Acts 1:8).
10. Completed victory over death, hell and the grave (Hebrews 2:14-15; Revelation 1:18; Colossians 2:14-15).
11. His headship of the church (Ephesians 1:20-23; Colossians 1:16-18, 24).
12. Making of the New Covenant benefits based upon better promises (Matthew 26:28; II Corinthians 3:6-15; Hebrews 8:6) and confirmed by greater powers (Hebrews 2:1-4; Mark 16:15-20; Luke 24:49; II Corinthians 3:6-15; 2 Peter 1:1-10).
13. Fullness of grace is now possible in Christ (John 1:17; Colossians 2:10).
14. Full salvation glory that was to follow the sufferings (I Peter 1:10-12; Hebrews 2:1-4, II Corinthians 3).
15. Entrance into the holiest by every believer now possible (Hebrews 10:19-38; Ephesians 2:14-18).
16. Time for God to bless both Jews and Gentiles alike (Ephesians 2:14-18, 3:1-11; Romans 10:9-14).
17. Time to send men with full authority and power as God sent Christ (John 17:18, 20:21)
18. Time for each believer to receive all the gifts and fruit of the Spirit, which they could only receive in part in Old Testament times (John 7:37-39, 14:12-15; Matthew 17:20, 21:22; Mark 9:23).
19. Time of no limitations in Christ, in the Spirit, and in the full benefits of the gospel promises (Matthew 17:20, 21:22; Mark 9:23, 11:22-24; John 15:7, 16; II Peter 1:1-12).
20. Time for the universality of the plan of God to bless all nations (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-20; Luke 24:47-49; Acts 1:4-8; Genesis 12:1-3). Believers carry out the full plan of the gospel demonstrating worldwide works of power to even a greater degree and kind than that of Christ, depending upon the needs.
21. Because Jesus returned to His Father and no longer would be here to continue His works or do greater ones, He gave His power to His disciples to carry on where He stopped. They will do greater things than He would have done if He had continued (John 14:12). He gave them authority to see to it that His work was carried on through them.

The book of Acts is our example. Dr. Mathias said for years, well-meaning teachers taught him that the book of Acts was for that time only, that the things that transpired then were necessary to substantiate the written Word, but were not an example for us to follow today. Where does God say that? Where does He say that we no longer have authority over Satan? Where does He say that the gifts of the Holy Spirit were for another time only?

Just before Jesus ascended into heaven He said, "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: 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" (Matthew 28:18-20).



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The One, Jesus Christ, who has all power and authority, has commissioned each of us. He told us He would be with us to the end of the world, not just to the end of the book of Acts. Put on the full armor of God and go in power and authority and destroy the works of the devil!

Revelation 12:11 says, "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death."

Through this teaching and the power of Christ, I have been privileged to witness many of God's miracles. I have seen demons cast out. I have witnessed people being set free from many different physical and mental diseases. I've seen people go from despair to joy, from torment to the peace that passes all understanding.

The list of God's healing grows every week. Praise God! He is alive and active today! He is the same yesterday, today and forever. The only change has been in you and me. The book of Acts ends at chapter 28, but the continuing works of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is happening today. In Dr. Mathias' book, "The Continuing Works of Christ," he shares more than sixty testimonies of people that God has healed.

You have been drafted into violent spiritual warfare, but you are ready for it if you have submitted to our Captain, Jesus Christ. You have been taught how to "stand." When the enemy attacks, you put on the belt of truth. When Satan tries to lead you into sin, or tells you that are not truly forgiven, put on the breastplate of righteousness. When he attacks, hold up the shield of faith to catch his darts. When he would bring disharmony between you and others, put on the shoes of peace. When Satan causes you to doubt your salvation or your worth in Christ, take up the helmet of salvation. Complete the victory by wielding the sword of the spirit. Your marching orders come from your Commander in Chief as you spend time on your knees in prayer.





BFOF Study Guide

Topic: Our Power and Authority in Christ

June 13th – June 19th

Study Guide Goals:

- To understand your power and authority in Christ.
- To accept responsibility to use the power and authority you have in Christ.

To Think About:

What is the underlying truth found in Col 1:13, 2:15; John 12:31; Heb 2:14; and I John 3:8?

Was Christ's power and authority recognized by the people of His time on earth?

Was Christ's power and authority recognized by the demons?

How can we appropriate our power and authority?

Who can appropriate this power? (John 14:12)

Why should every believer be able to do greater works than Christ?

Jesus performed His miracles through the power of the Holy Spirit. Do you as a believer also have the Holy Spirit?



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Who is the temple of the Lord? (I Cor 3:16)

What things did Jesus commission us to do just before He ascended into heaven?

What has Christ given us, so that we can have victory in our lives here on earth?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Review is good! Finally, list the pieces of armor you have been taught in this study, and remember they are there for our use. We just need to be ready.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Personal Responsibility:

List areas in which you have recognized your commission from Jesus and appropriated your power.

List areas in which you have not recognized and appropriated your power in the past.

Application:

Go forth in boldness and power defeating the works of Satan and proclaim your testimony for the Lord.