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THRONE AUTHORITY

EPHESIANS 1:17-23; 2:1-9

INTRODUCTION: We, the believer, have been raised up together with Jesus and made to sit with Him in the heavenlies. Jesus has been raised up and seated at the right hand of God. The right hand of the throne of God is the center of power of the whole universe, and the exercising of the power of the throne was committed unto the ascended Lord. Because we are seated with Him, we are seated at the right hand of God, and we share Jesus' throne. To share a throne means to partake of the authority that it represents.

I. WHAT IS AUTHORITY?

- A. Authority is delegated power.
- B. A police person stopping traffic is using delegated power.
- C. *Dunamis* Gk means mighty power. Acts 1:8; 10:38
- D. *Exousia* GK means authority. Matthew 28:18
- E. Adam had authority – dominion – over all the works of God's hands
- F. He gave it away
- G. Jesus came and took it back for man. I John 3:8

II. FOUR WORDS TO DESCRIBE RAISING JESUS. EPHESIANS 1:19-23

- A. Power *dunamis*.
- B. Working *energeia*.
- C. Strength *kratos*.
- D. Might *ischuos*.

III. ALL OF THIS WAS TO USWARD WHO BELIEVE .

- A. The qualification is to believe.
- B. The word believe comes from be *to live and lifan in accordance*.
- C. That which the mind accepts, the will must obey.

PRAYER CONFESSION: Lord, I accept your gracious word. I believe that You have done this for me, so I now take my seat in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus at Your right hand. Teach me how to fulfill this ministry, how to exercise the authority which you have entrusted to me. Train me day by day that I may attain to the full stature of the perfect man/woman in Christ, so that in me your purpose of the ages may be fulfilled. Amen!

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