

*The Normal Christian Life 11:*  
“People of Power”

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**Authority** is the right to effect control over objects, individuals or events.

**Power** is the ability to bring about what one desires.



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# John 1

1 In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God, and  
the Word was God.

2 He was with God in the beginning.

3 Through him all things were made;  
without him nothing was made  
that has been made.

# Phil 2:5-11

- 5 *Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:*
- 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,
- 7 but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

- 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross!
- 9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,
- 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
- 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Jesus, in becoming human,  
surrendered His authority to show  
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# Daniel: 7:13-14

*“I was watching in the night visions,  
And behold, One like the Son of Man, Coming with  
the clouds of heaven! ...*

*Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a  
kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages  
should serve Him.*

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Which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the  
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# Luke 10:18

“ I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven”.

# Rev 21:1

“Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away.”

# Col 1:19

*“For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, **whether things on earth or things in heaven**, having made peace through the blood of His cross.”*

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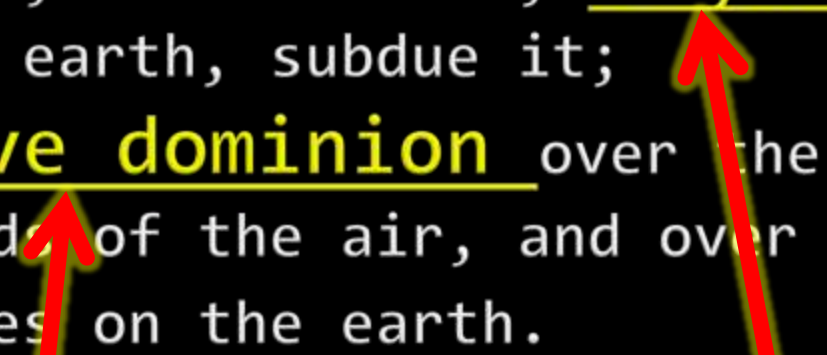
# John 1:12

“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right (**authority**) to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.”

*Christians = “little Christs”  
(anointed ones)”*

When Jesus gave us His **Spirit**,  
He also gave us His *authority*.

27 **So God created man in His own image**; in the image of God He created him; ... 28 Then God blessed them, and God said, **Be fruitful & multiply**; fill the earth, subdue it; **have dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth. (Gen 1)



**All authority** has been given to me in heaven and on earth. 19 **Go and make disciples of all the nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. (Matt 28)

# Daniel 7:27

*“Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High.*

*His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him.”*



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