God's Authority Belongs to You

Overview: The authority which God has given to man through Jesus Christ can be seen from several different scriptural perspectives. The evidence that authority and dominion have been given to man, and the level of that authority, can be found in a variety of roles to which mankind has been called.

A. Sons of Man

1. Jesus called Himself the Son of Man 85 times (81 + 4), Son of God 5 times. — John 12:34
2. We are sons of man operating under the Adamic Covenant. — Gen 1:26-28
3. Jesus was our Jubilee, restoring us back to our rights in the Garden of Eden. — Luke 4:18-19
4. This is my Body broken for you. His body purchased our Jubilee and His Blood moved us into a new covenant, which was better than the Adamic covenant. — 1 Cor 11:23-25

B. Sons of God

1. Jesus was the first-born of many brethren. — Rom 8:29
2. We are children of God, heirs of God. — Rom 8:15-16
3. We are called to be manifested sons of God (i.e., living as mature sons). — Rom 8:19
4. Called as sons of God to be like Jesus so that we: — 1 John 3:1-3
   a) May know the hope of His calling as sons. — Eph 1:18, 4
   b) Partake of His divine nature through exceeding great & precious promises. — 2 Pet 1:4

C. Ambassadors of Heaven on Earth

1. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ. — 2 Cor 5:20
2. We are ambassadors in chains to make known the mystery of the Gospel. — Eph 6:20
3. As ambassadors, nothing of the enemy can by any means hurt us. — Luke 10:19
4. We are not subject to the laws of this world, for in all these things we are more than conquerors (i.e., super-conquerors). — Rom 8:37

D. Joint-heirs with Jesus

1. We are new creatures in Christ. — 2 Cor 5:17
2. We are joint-heirs with Jesus. — Rom 8:17
3. God raised Jesus from the dead and seated Him in heavenly places far above all principality, power, might, dominion and every name. — Eph 1:20-21
4. We have been raised up with Christ and made to sit in heavenly places with Christ far above all principality, power, might, dominion and every name. — Eph 2:6

E. Kings and Priests unto our God

1. He has made us kings and priests unto our God: & we shall reign on the earth. — Rev 5:10
2. We have been made kings and priests. — Rev 1:5-6
3. Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life? — 1 Cor 6:3
4. As he is, so are we in this world. — 1 John 4:17

F. Soldiers in the Army of God

1. Jesus defeated satan (Col 2:15), received all power in Heaven and Earth, gave us that power and left us as the standing army to enforce the victory. — Matt 28:18, Acts 1:8
2. We are to endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. — 2 Tim 2:3-4
3. We are commanded to put on the full Armor of God. — Eph 6:10-18
4. We are to occupy until He comes. — Luke 19:13

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