



## Claim your Authority

### I. Understanding the passage

Ephesians 1:20-2:6

<sup>20</sup> God raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. <sup>21</sup> Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come. <sup>22</sup> God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church. <sup>23</sup> And the church is his body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with himself.

<sup>2</sup> Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. <sup>2</sup> You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. <sup>3</sup> All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else.

<sup>4</sup> But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, <sup>5</sup> that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) <sup>6</sup> For he raised us from the dead along

with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus

## **II. Application to Living God's Best Life**

- 1. Jesus has absolute and complete authority over all human, angelic and demonic power**
- 2. I am fully united and identified with Jesus in His death, resurrection and seating**
- 3. Being united with Christ and seated with Christ, I share in His authority over satanic opposition**
- 4. In Christ and through Christ, I can resist the devil, break strongholds and proclaim Christ's victory in my life**

### **The Prayer and Confession of Exercising My Authority in Christ**

*"Jesus I believe and confess that you died for my sins, rose from the dead and are seated at the Father's right hand. I believe and confess that you have all authority in heaven and on earth. I believe and confess that I am co-crucified, co-resurrected and co-seated with you in the heavenlies. I believe and confess that at your name all of creation must bow, and submit to your authority. Jesus, in your name I command Satan and his demons to flee and to stop all of their activities in my life. Jesus in your name and authority I bind all evil and demonic influence and I loose your truth, your righteousness and your love. Jesus I believe and confess that the truest thing about me is what you say is true and you say that I am more than a conqueror through Him who loved me and that the battle belongs to the Lord. In your name Jesus I proclaim your victory over my life and your triumph over this situation. I submit to you and command the devil to flee from my life. Lord I give you my anxieties and claim your supernatural peace in Christ to guard my heart and mind. Amen"*