

Authority in the Church

Various Scriptures

1.) The Authority of Jesus

A.) Jesus' Creative Authority

Ephesians 1:20-23

B.) Jesus' Commissioned Authority

Matthew 28:18-20

C.) Jesus' Constraining Authority

1 Peter 1:1-2

2. The Authority of Jesus Exercised in the Church

A.) The Authority of the Congregation

Matthew 16:16, 18-19

Matthew 18:17-18

1 Corinthians 5:4

2 Corinthians 2:6-8

Romans 16:17

Galatians 1:8-9

B.) The Authority of the Elders

1 Timothy 5:17

1 Peter 5:5

Hebrews 13:17

1 Peter 5:1-3

3.) What This Authority Has To Do With Our Life

A.) In the Gospel, Salvation was Accomplished. In the Church, Salvation is Preserved and Promoted.

Hebrews 3:12-14

2 Corinthians 5:11, "If Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men..."

B.) In the Gospel, Christ Laid Down His Life For the Church. In the Church, We Lay Down Our Rights for Others.

C.) In the Gospel, Eternity was Shaped. In the Church, Eternity is Prioritized.

1 Peter 2:22-23

Revelation 22:16-17