



ESSENTIAL

CHURCH

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Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. ¹⁹ Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰ Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

LESSON #2

After reading the verses we find the major thrust of the verses is _____. Is there a difference between power and authority? Power means you _____. Authority means you _____. Authority is more in line with what Matthew is describing because the majority of Matthew's Gospel is concerned about demonstrating Christ's authority.

Matthew wants to establish the authority of Jesus Christ from the very beginning of the Gospel.

Examine: Matthew 1:1-17; Matthew 2:13-16; Matthew 3:13-17

Matthew also shows us the _____ of Christ's authority:

- Jesus had authority in _____. (Matthew 7:29)
- Jesus had authority over _____. (Matthew 8:23-27) If his authority extends even to nature, it means He must be who He says He is.
- Jesus had authority to _____. (Matthew 9:1-8)
- Jesus had authority over evil spirits. (Matthew 12:22-28) The only conclusion is the kingdom (authority) of God has come to you.

Essential church remembers who authority comes from. Our authority comes from _____.

In Matthew, Jesus also shows us how to use the authority God has given. (Matthew 7:28-29) The Pharisees taught for the purpose of _____. They wanted others to obey not just the Torah but also the rules they implemented. We should strive to use authority properly. We don't use authority to _____. Our love for God comes from understanding His grace towards us.

Essential Church - Lesson #2 - Continued

When you learn that God has your best interest at heart, you learn to walk in line with God's authority. (Matthew 8:5-13) The centurion understands the _____ of authority. Essential church understands how to operate in divine authority of God's word.

But the authority we speak or operate in is not for material or worldly gain. (Matthew 4:8-10) Look at what was offered in Matthew 4 and compare it to what was received in Matthew 28. Jesus received _____. Jesus is teaching us that the best authority _____. But Jesus also teaches us that authority isn't given without patience and proof.

Over and over Matthew is showing us that Jesus has authority. Matthew's Gospel points to the Great Commission as its culmination. Matthew realizes what Jesus asks of His disciples is a big task. Matthew has shown them Jesus' authority _____. Because His authority is unquestioned, Christ's disciples have no other choice but to _____.