

Sharing Love...Living Christ

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Greetings in the Name of the Lord!

As I was asking God what He wanted me to write to you, I heard He wants to do BIG things in this season, and it is imperative that we not only *know our identity* in Christ, but also know what it is to *operate in our authority* in Christ.

One of my favorite authority scriptures is John 10:18. In the King James Version it says (Jesus speaking of His life):

No man taketh it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have **power** to lay it down, and I have **power** to take it again. This commandment have I received of My Father.

The word translated "power" in both instances is the Greek Word *exousia*.¹ *Exousia* means authority and has many different applications. In this scripture, it means "the power of doing something, ability, faculty." Here, Jesus is telling the Pharisees – the very ones who wanted to kill Him – that they didn't have the ability to take His life. In other words, he was telling them that they had NO POWER over Him! (Let that be a word to you: no one has the power or ability to take your life (or whatever the word "life" represents to you right now (e.g., job, reputation, joy, peace, etc.).) Rather, Jesus and Jesus alone had the power – the ability – to lay His life down. AND He had the power - the ability - to take it again!

Why? Because He had received this commandment from His Father. The Passion Translation says, "*This is the destiny My Father has set before Me.*" See, God did not create our destiny apart *from* us. He created our destiny a part *of* us. When God gives us a commandment to do something, our following it has a part to play in our reaching the destiny He has created for us. Inherent in His commandments to us is the authority – the power...the ability...the faculty – to do it!

This inherent authority was not the case in the Old Testament. The Commandments in the Old Testament were the Law. The Law was designed to show people that they could not keep the commandments on their own. It was designed to show them that they needed a Savior.

¹ J. Strong, W. Baker, and S. Zodhiates, *AMG's Annotated Strong's Greek Dictionary of the New Testament* (Chattanooga, Tennessee: AMG, 1992) (hereafter cited as *Strong's Greek*), Word 1849.

Jesus is that Savior (Luke 2:11, I John 4:14). Jesus came and fulfilled all the law (Matt. 5:17). Now, we who have received Jesus as Savior and made Him Lord have the ability to keep God's commandments. Hallelujah! His commandments are whatever He tells us to do, no matter how impossible it seems. In the scripture above, God's command to Jesus was to lay His life down and take it again. (What is His commandment to you?)

Understand that when we received Jesus as our Savior and made Him our Lord, we received the same authority (i.e., *exousia*, power, ability) that He had when He was here on Earth (and continues to have through all eternity).

If you have not received Jesus as your Savior and made Him your Lord, it's not too late. Now is the perfect time!

If you've been trying to do it on your own – whatever "it" is - but it never works out right, now is your time.

It's time to receive Jesus as your Savior and make Him your Lord.

God has a wonderful destiny for you. He didn't create your destiny with no way for you to reach it. He's provided everything you need. Through His Son, Jesus, He's given you the ability – indeed, the authority – to live the wonderful destiny that He has for you!

Allow me to lead you in prayer by clicking <u>here</u>.

In *Matthew 9:2-3, 6-8*, we see that this authority is visible to the public eye, and that it has been given to men, or mankind. We only need to see ourselves as the recipients.

- 2: And behold, they brought to Him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.
- 3: And behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth.
- 6: But that ye may know that the Son of man hath **power** (*exousia*, authority, ability) on earth to forgive sins, (then saith He to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.
- 7: And he arose, and departed to his house.
- 8: But when the multitudes **saw it**, they marveled and glorified God, which had **given such power** (*exousia*, authority, ability) **unto men**.

This power...this *exousia*...this ability has been given to you. You have Jesus living on the inside of you. You have the Anointed One and His Anointing living on the inside of you. Because you

have the Anointed One and His Anointing living on the inside of you, you can do everything that He did and more! Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do ..." (John 14:12).

So, what's stopping you? What are you harboring that is keeping you from allowing the anointing to be radically unleashed in your life?

The Lord revealed to me that one of the things we harbor is deception. When we think about deception, our thoughts tend to go immediately to the devil, the antichrist, false teachers, or false prophets. The Lord has been speaking to me a lot over the past couple of weeks about how more often than we would think, we are the antichrist and false prophets of our own lives. (*OUCH*!!!)

Who is the antichrist? Let's translate and meditate: Anti = against, Christ = Anointed*One/Anointing*. The word translated antichrist is the Greek word *antichristos*² and means an opposer of Christ (the Anointed One and/or the Anointing). In the context of this letter, Christ means the Anointing. Therefore, we can say that the antichrist is the Anointing blocker.

With these definitions in mind, let's look at I John 2:22-27. On the left side, you will see the scriptures as written in The Passion Translation. On the right side, you will see the scriptures written with amplification that I have received from the Holy Spirit:

V E R S E	The Passion Translation (TPT)	The Passion Translation with Holy Ghost Inspired Amplification (TPT/KIF Amplified)
22	Who is the real liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ. He is the real antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son.	Who is the real liar but the one who denies that Jesus (in you) is the Christ (the Anointed One). He is the real antichrist (anointing blocker), the one who denies the Father and the Son (the opportunity to live and work freely through you).
23	Whoever rejects the Son rejects the Father. Whoever embraces the Son embraces the Father also.	Whoever rejects the Son (the Son's work of redemption and all that it affords) rejects the Father (the Father's desire to work through you). Whoever embraces the Son (and His redemptive work and all that it affords) embraces the Father (and His desire to work through you) also.
24	So you must be sure to keep the message burning in your hearts; that is, the message of life you heard from the beginning. If you do, you will always be living in close	So you must be sure to keep the message burning in your hearts; that is, the message of LIFE that you heard from the beginning (I have come to give you everything in

I John 2:22-27

² Strong's Greek, Word 500.

	fellowship with the Son and with the Father.	abundance, more than you expect – life in its fullness until you overflow! (John 10:10, TPT)). If you do, you will always be LIVING (in alignment and) in close fellowship with the Son and with the Father (allowing Them to LIVE freely in you and through you).
25	And He Himself has promised us the never-ending life of the ages to come.	And He Himself has promised us the never- ending LIFE of the ages to come (from age to age, realm to realm, and glory to glory - you can't even imagine! This earthly realm is just the beginning!)
26	I've written these things about those who are attempting to lead you astray.	I've written these things about those who are attempting to lead you astray (even if it is you through your lack of faith!)
27	But the wonderful anointing you have received from God is so much greater than their deception and now lives in you. There's no need for anyone to keep teaching you. His anointing teaches you all that you need to know, for it will lead you into truth, not a counterfeit. So just as the anointing has taught you, remain in Him.	But the wonderful anointing you have received from God is so much greater than the deception and now lives in you. There is no need for anyone to keep teaching you (based on their opinions, limited thinking, and doctrines). His anointing teaches you all that you need to know (so trust it), for it will lead you into truth and not a counterfeit. So just as the anointing has taught you, remain in Him (the Holy Spirit poured into you, bringing life, illumination, wisdom, fruit, and power from the indwelling life of Christ, the Anointed One ³).

Through these scriptures, the Lord revealed to me that often, we are the anointing blockers in our own lives. Not believing that we can do what God says we can do, have what God says we can have, and be what God says we can be causes us to reject the commandment (i.e., destiny) that God has for us in certain areas of our lives. Hence, we deny Him the opportunity to live and work through us, manifesting His glory.

Faith – regardless of whether it is the God-kind or the carnal sense-knowledge-kind of faith – speaks what it believes. When we engage carnal sense-knowledge faith more than the God-kind, we speak carnal sense-knowledge words. Carnal sense-knowledge words contradict the Word of God. When we speak carnal sense-knowledge words, we speak words that are contrary to what God would speak over us and, because we have what we say, we become the false prophets of our own lives.

But it doesn't have to be that way.

³ Footnote *h* for I John 2:27, TPT

Faith (both the God-kind and carnal sense-knowledge faith) cometh by hearing. Hearing *the right thing* comes by hearing the Word of God. The more we feast on God's Word, the more of the right thing we will hear, the more the God-kind will come. When that faith comes, we can speak it and act on it, keeping it alive (James 2:22). Then we can say like Paul, "*The Anointed One lives His life through me – we live in union as one! My … life is empowered by the faith of the Son of God Who… dispenses His life into mine!*" (See Gal. 2:20, TPT). Hallelujah!

I am so grateful for to our loving Heavenly Father for giving us everything we need to live a full, happy, prosperous, and abundant life. He has given us His Son, Who is the Anointed One! May you choose to act on the God-kind of faith as you hear His Word: *I can do all things through the Anointed One and His Anointing (Christ), which strengthens me* (Phil. 4:13).

Loving you with the love of the Lord,

Katheríne

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