



**Presents** 

# LEADERS & DISCIPLES PROGRAMME



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## **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

AUTHORITY OF THE BELIEVER PRESENTS A CLEAR PICTURE FROM THE SCRIPTURES OF THE BELIEVER'S AUTHORITY; IT DEFINES AUTHORITY, DETAILS THE SOURCE OF THAT AUTHORITY, AND SHOWS THE BELIEVER HOW TO WALK AND LIVE IN THAT AUTHORITY PROVIDED IN THE REDEMPTIVE WORK OF JESUS CHRIST (LUKE 10:19).

### **COURSE MATERIALS:**

Ø THE HOLY BIBLE, KING JAMES VERSION

Ø HANDOUTS AS PROVIDED BY THE INSTRUCTOR

ADDITIONAL COURSE REFERENCES (NOT REQUIRED):

THE BELIEVER'S AUTHORITY BY KENNETH E. HAGIN

# **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

SSTUDENTS WILL LEARN A BROAD RANGE OF TOPICS, SUCH AS:

Ø WHAT IS AUTHORITY?
Ø THE ORIGIN OF AUTHORITY
Ø WHAT GIVES THE BELIEVER AUTHORITY IN
THIS WORLD?
Ø THE BELIEVER'S POSITION OF AUTHORITY IN
CHRIST
Ø KEYS TO BREAKING THE POWER OF THE
DEVIL

GRADE COMPONENTS: 3 QUIZZES 25% FINAL EXAM 50% PRAYER JOURNAL 25% A. We are believers 1. Romans 10:8-10

2.Mark 11:23-24

3.1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27

B. We're seated with Him 1.Ephesians 2:1-7

C. We're His Body 1.Colossians 1:12-18

D. All power has been given to us. 1.Matthew 28:18

2.Luke 10:19

E. His Name has been given to us.

1. Name is onoma in Greek (Strong's #3686), meaning name, authority, character.

a. "In the Name of Jesus" means in the name, authority, and character of Jesus."

2. John 14:13-14: We are to demand what's ours in His name, or authority.

3. John 16:24: We are to pray in His name, or authority.

4. Philippians 2:9-11: His Name is above every name.

F. Know who you are in Him to use your authority.

1.2 Corinthians 2:14

2.Romans 8:37

3.2 Corinthians 5:17

1.Ephesians 2:10

2.1 John 5:14

- H1.2 Corinthians 5:17
- **2.Ephesians 2:10**
- 3.1 John 5:14
- 4.1 Peter 2:24
- 5.Philippians 4:13
- 6.Acts 17:28
- **7. Colossians 2:6-10**
- 8.1 John 4:4
- **II.Ephesians Prayers**
- A. The book of Ephesians was written to believers with some spiritual maturity, not novices.
- B. Prayers in Ephesians 1 and 3 are Spirit-anointed.
- 1. Paul prayed them by the Holy Ghost for the church at Ephesus.
- 2. They are for us today as well.
- 3. Personalise the prayers for yourself, loved ones, others.
- **C. Ephesians 1:16-23**
- 1. Focus of this prayer is knowledge.
- 2. Prayer should be constant.
- 3. Always acknowledge God's goodness and worth.
- 4. Ask the Father to grant the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation.

Lord is kurios in Greek, meaning supreme in authority, God, Lord,

Wisdom is sophia in Greek, meaning wisdom; insight into the true nature of things.

- 1. Wisdom is the correct application of knowledge.
- 2.Isaiah 11:2
- 3. James 1:5-6
- b.Revelation is apokalupsis in Greek, meaning disclosure, manifestation, revelation, uncovering.
- 1. Revelation happens when wisdom from God resident in your spirit is illuminated and explodes across your conscious mind.
- c.Knowledge is epignosis in Greek, meaning recognition, full discernment, acknowledgement.
- 1. Knowledge is the accurate collection of information.
- 2. Anyone can have knowledge; wisdom is from God.
- 2. Pray for spiritual understanding.
- a. "Eyes of your understanding" refers to your heart and to your mind, or understanding.
- b. Nothing can be spiritually understood without God's wisdom and revelation.

Aa. When your mind truly grasps this revelation, you will be able to grasp:

- 1."the hope of his calling"
- a.Ephesians 1:4
- b. Titus 2:11-14
- 2."the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints"
- a.Inheritance shows heirship.
- b. "riches" means wealth, abundance, fullness.
- b.lt's easier to walk by faith with spiritual understanding.
- 2.Pray that we might know the exceeding greatness of His power that's been given to us.
- a.God demonstrated His supernatural power when He raised Jesus Christ from the dead.
- b. Have a full and experiential knowledge of God's supernatural power.

- 1.5 Greek words for POWER.
- a. Dunamis means inherent power; stored up power; might, ability.
- 1.Ephesians 1:19: "...the exceeding greatness of his dunamis...
- 2.Ephesians 1:21: "...far above all principality, and power, and dunamis..."
- 3.Acts 1:8
- 4.Luke 10:19
- b.Kratos means power, strength, ruling power.
- 1.Ephesians 1:19: "...according to the working of his mighty kratos..."
- 2.Hebrew 2:14
- 3. Colossians 1:11
- c.lschus means ability, force, strength, endowed power.
- 1.Ephesians 1:19: "...of his ischus power..."
- 2.Luke 10:27
- d. Energeia means outward or overt operative power; energy.
- 1.Ephesians 1:19: "...according to the energeia of his..."
- **2.Ephesians 4:16**

# **I.Why Pray?**

- A. God is limited to what He can do in the earth by our prayers. (Matthew 16:19)
- B. Believers have legal authority in the earth. (Genesis 1:26-27, Psalm 8:6, Matthew 28:18:20, Luke 4:6,)

John Wesley said, "It seems God is limited by our prayer life – that He can do nothing for humanity unless someone asks Him."

God gave the lease of the earth to Adam. Adam gave it over to Satan. For believers, the lease has been ba. Exousia means authority; freedom of action; right to act.

- 1.Luke 10:19
- 2.Matthew 28:18
- 3. Colossians 1:12-13
- 4. Ephesians 1:21: "far above all principality, and exousia..."
- 2. Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father.
- a. We are seated together with Him in heavenly places.
- b.Ephesians 2:6
- c.All things are under His feet and our feet.
- 3. God gave power and authority to the believer to use in this world.
- B. Ephesians 3:14-19: prayer to fully grasp the revelation of our inheritance.
- 1. Focus of this prayer is love.
- 2. "bowing the knee" is an indication of true reverence.
- a. Refusing to bow shows rebellion, disrespect, lack of submission.
- 3. "whole family" refers to Ephesians 2 where Paul explains that God is Father to both Jews and Gentiles.

- 1. "strengthened with might" means empowered (kratos) by God's power (dunamis).
- a. Colossians 1:9-14
- 2."...that Christ may dwell...", or that Christ may abide in and be an active part of your life.
- 3."...being rooted and grounded in love...:
- a. Colossians 2:2 (AMP)
- b.Be rooted and grounded in faith and love.
- c.1 John 4:8
- d.1 John 4:16
- 4."...filled with..." in the Greek is translated filled even unto all the fullness of God.
- a.Be filled even as God is full.
- b.Colossians 2:9
- 5. "Breadth", "length", "depth", "height" refer to the full dimensions, or the fullness of God.
- a. "Breadth" implies Christ's world-wide love.
- 1.1 Timothy 2:4
- b. "Length" implies the love of God is extended throughout all ages.
- 1.Ephesians 3:21

- a. "Depth" refers to the wisdom and love of God.
- 1.Romans 11:33
- 2. This also relates to the extent that we are able to love others with God's depth of love.
- b. "Height" refers to the fact that no enemy can deprive us of God's love.
- 1.Ephesians 4:8
- 2. This also relates to the extent that we are able to love God, despite the circumstances.
- 3.Luke 10:27
- 2. The love of Christ far exceeds our knowledge of it.
- **II. The Meaning of Authority**

Authority: The power to command, enforce laws, exact obedience, determine, or judge. Freedom or right granted to another; authorization. The ability or official capacity to exercise control: authority. Power to influence or persuade resulting from knowledge or experience: write with authority. The power to influence a command, thought, opinion, or behavior. Delegated power.

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A. Definitions for AUTHORITY taken from the Expanded 9
Vines Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words:

- 1. EXOUSIA (noun ex-oo-see'-ah) denotes authority (from the impersonal verb "it is lawful"). The power of authority or the right to exercise power (Matthew 21:23; 2 Corinthians 10:8); power or rule of government, the power of one whose will and commands must be obeyed by others (Mathew 28:18, Jude 24,25)
- 2.EPITAGE (noun ep-ee-tag-ay') an injunction or decree (a command, directive, or order The American Heritage Dictionary). (Titus 2:15)
- 3. HUPEROCHE (noun- hoop-er-okh-ay') primarily, a projection, eminence, as a mountain peak, hence, metaphorically, pre-eminence, superiority (I Timothy 2:2: eminent place; position of magistrates), and Excellency (1 Corinthians 2:1)
- 4. DUNASTES (noun doo-nas'tace) a ruler or officer; of great authority, might, potentate. (Acts 8:27)
- 5.: to exercise authority on one's own account, to domineer over; to usurp authority over oneself or others. (1 Timothy 2.12)
- **B.** God's Authority
- 1. Authority originated with God.
- a.Daniel 2:20-21
- **b.Daniel 4:32**
- c.Romans 13:1-5
- d.John 13:5

- 1.God's authority is infinite.
- a.Psalm 115:15-16
- b.Isaiah 66:1
- c.Matthew 5:33-37
- d.Romans 5:17
- 2. The glory of God's dominion.
- a.Psalm 145:13
- b.Psalm 19:1-6
- 3.God manages with ease.
- a. He is King on the throne and Judge on the bench.
- b.Psalm 103:19
- c.Psalm 139:1-4
- d.lsaiah 6:1-3
- **B.** Three-fold dominion of God
- 1. Natural: absolute power over all creatures is found in the nature of God as Creator.
- a.lsaiah 40:12,25-26
- 2. Spiritual: dominion over His Church as Redeemer is found in the Covenant of Grace.
- a.John 3:16
- **b.Romans** 5:15
- c.Ephesians 2:8-9

healing and deliverance.

- 6.I1.Glorious Kingdom: at the winding up of all things, when God shall reign over all, either in the glory of His mercy over the glorified saints, or in the glory of His justice over condemned devils and men.
- a.Psalm 47:7-9
- b.Isaiah 28:5
- c.Revelation 19:6
- B. Approach God as Supreme Authority.
- 1.Matthew 6:9-13: Jesus taught His disciples.
- 2.1 Chronicles 29:11-12: He is JEHOVAH, the Self-Existent One.
- 3.Deuteronomy 4:39: He is ELOHIM, the Supreme God.
- 4.1 Timothy 1:17 II. Authority Before the Fall
- A. God gave authority to man.
- 1.Genesis 1:26
- 2.Genesis 1:28
- B. We are made in His image and likeness and were given authority like God to operate as He does.
- 1.Hebrews 2:5-8: Man is lower than Elohim ("angels").
- 2.Psalm 8:3-5
- 3.Psalm 82:1,2,6
- 4.John 10:30-36
- 5.1 Peter 2:9
- C. The earth was entrusted to man, but Adam gave that authority away.
- 1.Psalm 115:13-16: The earth was leased out to us as property.
- 2.Psalm 24:1: The lease is from God.
- 3.2 Corinthians 4:4: Adam gave authority to satan and now satan is the 'god' of the earth (over the unsaved)
- 4. Mark 12:1-9: satan's authority came from Adam through sin.

F A. Original Creation

- 1.Genesis 1:1-2: God did not create the world without form, void, or in darkness. It became dark.
- 2.Isaiah 45:18
- 3. Genesis 1:10
- 4. Satan, or Lucifer, existed before the fall in the Garden of Eden. II. Satan's Authority
- A. God created Lucifer, the fallen angel who became satan.
- 1.God originally created Lucifer and exalted him to a position of delegated authority in the angelic realm.
- 2.It's possible that Lucifer ruled an earthly kingdom between Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 1:2.
- A. Ezekiel 28:12-16: Lucifer was the anointed cherub (the highest position).
- 1. Cherubs are angelic beings who look toward the Throne of God, declaring that the One Who sits on the Throne is "Holy, Holy, Holy, the Lord God Almighty!"
- 2. They look God-ward and minister Throne-ward.
- 3. They occupy the highest position of all and have the greatest privilege of any created being.
- 4. Lucifer's job was to give praise, thanksgiving, adoration, and worship to God.
- 5. Verse 13: Lucifer was a musical instrument, he was the doxology, he was the heavenly music minister and choir director.
- B. Lucifer's fall
- 1.Ezekiel 28:16-17: The responsibility of a creature is to be in subjection to his Creator, but Lucifer's wisdom became perverted and he tried to usurp God.
- 2. Satan fell from three places:
- a. The place of obedience.
- b. The place of submission.
- c. The place of subjection.

- 1.Isaiah 14:13-14: The five "I-Will's" of Satan
- a."I will ascend to Heaven."
- 1.Lucifer dwelt in the second heaven.
- 2.He desired to ascend to the dwelling place of God in the third Heaven.
- b."I will exalt my throne above the stars of God."
- 1.Lucifer desired to usurp God's authority.
- 2.Lucifer's authority was delegated authority because the right to rule belongs to God alone.
- c."I will sit upon the mount of the assembly in the uttermost north."
- 1.He wanted to become the sole administrator over all of the angelic hosts.
- 2.He did not want to submit to his Creator.
- d."I will ascend above the heights of the clouds."
- 3.He wanted God's right to rule.
- e."I will make myself like the Most High."
- 4. Lucifer wanted to be God.

- IA. God's response to Lucifer (satan).
- 1.Ezekiel 28:16-18: The five "I-Will's" of God.
- a."I will cast thee as profane out of the Mountain of God: and I will destroy thee."
- b."I will cast thee to the ground."
- c."I will lay thee before kings."
- d."I will bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee."
- e."I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee."
- 2.Luke 10:18: Jesus saw Lucifer fall from heaven.
- 3. Satan's ultimate fate.
- a. Ezekiel 28:18-19
- b.Revelation 20:10
- B. What satan is and is not.
- 1. Satan is not:
- a.An evil principal.
- b.An error of the mortal mind.
- c.A diseased germ.
- d.An abstract power.

A being with hoofs, horns, a tail, or Persian shoes, with a pitchfork presiding over a lake of fire and the realm of the dead.

#### 1.Satan is:

- a. According to Scripture, he is clever and very real.
- b.A real person (spirit being).
- 1.Matthew 4:1-11: Jesus dealt with him in the wilderness.
- 2.Matthew 16:21-23: Jesus rebuked satan.
- 3.Luke 10:18: Jesus taught disciples that satan was real.
- 4.Luke 10:17: The disciples came against satan.
- 5.Acts 5:3; 1 Corinthians 7:5; 2 Corinthians 2:11: The apostles warned men about satan's attacks.
- B. The names of satan reveal his nature and character.
- 1. Revelation 12:7-11: Accuser of the brethren.
- 2.1 Peter 5:8: Adversary.
- 3.II Corinthians 11:14: Angel of light.
- 4. Revelation 12:9: Deceiver.
- 5.2 Corinthians 4:4: The God of this world system.
- 6. John 8:42-44: Murderer and liar.
- 7. Ephesians 2:2: Prince of the Power of the air.
- 8.John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11: Prince of this world.
- 9. John 10:10: Thief, killer, destroyer.

- I.The Authority of Jesus
- A. Jesus operated in His authority as a man anointed of God.
- 1.He did not use His divine power as God (Deity).
- 2.1 John 3:8: He did not heal to prove He was the Son of God.
- 3. Jesus healed as a Man (the Word made flesh).
- 4.Luke 3:21: Jesus was as any other man in the earth—spirit, soul, and body.
- 5.Luke 2:44-52: Jesus did not do any miracles until He was full of the Holy Ghost.
- B. The technical reason for authority.
- 1. Jesus is the Son of God, manifest in the flesh. He left His Divinity in Heaven, and came to earth as a Man, clothed in flesh.
- a.Philippians 2:6-8
- b.God anointed Jesus, so Jesus was not on earth as God.
- 1.Luke 4:18
- 2.Acts 10:38
- c.Romans 5:17-20: Adam (a man) gave the earth to satan and it took the Man Jesus to get it back.

- 1. Spirit beings are limited on earth without a body.
- a.Genesis 3:1-15: satan borrowed the body of a serpent because he doesn't have one.
- b. Without a body, you cannot function on this earth legally.
- 2.John 10:1-10
- a. Satan and demon spirits climb up other ways.
- b. "Sheepfold" refers to the earth.
- c. "Door" refers to having legal entry, which is being born into this earth (childbirth).
- d.All who enter by legal entry are not shepherds, but all who enter legally (all who are born into the earth) have the right (authority) to be here.
- e.Jesus was given two legal entries:
- 1.Born of flesh: earth.
- 2.Born of Spirit: heaven.
- f.Jesus will lead us out of this world. He is the door to Heaven.
- g.Jesus entered by the door (verse 2), and then He paid for sin and defeated the devil.

- 1.Luke 4:32-37: The demon thought Jesus was operating as God.
- a. The demon did not know that Jesus was operating as a man.
- b.He tried to challenge Jesus' right to operate in the earth.
- 2.Matthew 8:28-29: Demons knew there was a lease on the earth.
- a. They knew they could not be forced by God to leave before their time was up.
- B. Your body gives you the legal right to authority.
- 1. John 5:26-27: Jesus had the legal right as the Son of Man.
- 2. Your body gives you the legal right.
- 3. Jesus was born of a woman.
- C. Acts 10:38: The anointing comes from the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
- D. Matthew 28:18-19: Jesus received all power in Heaven, Earth, and Hell.
- E. Philippians 2:9-11: We have the Name of Jesus for authority and the Holy Ghost for power.

# Al. Three ways Jesus got His Name and Authority

- A. Authority by inheritance: He inherited it.
- 1. Hebrews 1:1-6: He inherited His authority the day He was begotten.
- 2. John 1:1-3, 14: Jesus pre-existed with the Father.
- 3. Hebrews 10:5: He put on a body on earth.
- 4. Acts 13:33: Jesus was begotten and was qualified to receive this inheritance when He was resurrected.
- B. Authority by conquest: He defeated the enemy.
- 1.Ephesians 1:20-21
- 2. Colossians 2:15
- 3.Ephesians 6:12
- C. Authority by bestowal: He was given it.
- 1.Philippians 2:9-11

1.E.W. Kenyon writes, "The inference is that there was a Name known in Heaven, unknown elsewhere, and this Name was kept, to 18 be conferred upon Someone Who should inherit it. And Jesus, as we know Him – the Eternal Son as He is known, in the bosom of the Father, was given this Name. And at the Name, every knee shall bow in the three worlds – Heaven, Earth, and Hell, and every tongue shall confess that He is Lord of the three worlds to the glory of God the Father." (Kenneth E. Hagin. The Name of Jesus. Rhema Bible Church: Tulsa. 1979. P. 35.)
Il.Jesus Gave Us His Name (His Authority)

A. He delegated His authority and power to us.

1.Matthew 28:18-19

2.Mark 16:17-18

3.John 20:21

**B.** Act in the Name of Jesus

1.Colossians 3:17

2.Acts 4:17-18

**3.Ephesians 5:20** 

4.1 Corinthians 6:9-11

5.James 5:14

6.John 14:13-14

7.John 16:23-24

C. Matthew 16:18-19: We have the keys to bind and to loose.

1.Definition of bind: bind, be in bonds, knit, tie, wind; forbid.

2.Definition of loose:break up, destroy, dissolve, put off; allow.

3. "Whatsoever" refers to things, not to people.

D. Jesus' attitude toward those who do not exercise their authority.

1.Luke 19:11-27

2.Matthew 25:14,24-30

3.Luke 16:10

**4.Philippians 2:13-14** 

# **I.Submission and Obedience**

A. Submission and obedience are both necessary when exercising authority.

Isaiah 1:19

- B. Submission and obedience are not the same thing.
- 1. Submission is an act of your will.
- 2. Obedience can be against or in accordance with your will.
- 3. You can obey without submitting.
- C. Six facts about submission.
- 1. Submission is an attitude of the heart.
- 2. Submission is an action.
- 3. Submission is not a blind response to an order.
- 4. Submission is not a weakness.
- 5. Submission is a willingness to follow leadership as long as it does not violate the Word of God.
- 6. Submission is not unquestioned obedience to authority.

Who you are, what you are, what's yours IN CHRIST

# **IN HIM**

- John 1:4
- John 3:15-16
- Acts 17:28
- 1 Cor. 1:20
- 2 Cor 5:21
- Eph 1:4
- Eph 1:10
- Php 3:9
- Col 2:6-10
- 1 John 2:5-8
- 1 John 2:27-28
- 1 John 3:3-6
- 1 John 3:24
- 1 John 4:13
- 1 John 5:14
- 1 John 5:20

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- Acts 24:24
- Rom 3:24
- Rom 8:1-2
- Rom 12:5
- 1 Cor 1:2
- 1 Cor 1:30
- 1 Cor 15:22
- 2 Cor. 1:21
- 2 Cor 2:14
- 2 Cor 3:14
- 2 Cor 5:17
- 2 Cor 5:19-20
- Gal 2:4
- Gal 3:26
- Gal 3:28
- Gal 6:15
- Eph 1:1,3
- Eph 1:10
- Eph 2:6
- Eph 2:10
- Eph 2:13
- Eph 3:6
- Php 3:14
- Col 1:28
- 1 Thess 4:16
- 1 Thess 5:18
- 1 Tim 1:14
- 2 Tim 1:9
- 1 Tim 1:13
- 2 Tim 2:1
- 2 Tim. 2:10
- 2 Tim 3:12
- 2 Tim 3:15
- Phm 1:6

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Eph 1:7 Eph 1:11

**Eph 1:13** 

Eph 2:21-22

Eph 3:12

Col 1:14

**Col 2:3** 

Col 2:11

1 Pet 1:8

**BY HIM** 

1 Cor 1:5

1 Cor 8:6

Col 1:16-17

**Col 1:20** 

Col 3:17

Heb 7:25

Heb 13:15

1 Pet 1:21

Phil 4:19

BY HIS BLOOD

Heb 9:11-15

Heb 10:18-20

1 John 1:7

**BY WHOM** 

**Rom 5:2** 

**Rom 5:11** 

Gal 6:14

# IN THE BELOVED Eph 1:6

OF HIM 1 John 2:27-29

# WITH CHRIST

Rom 6:8 Gal 2:20 Eph 2:5 Col 2:20 Col 3:1-3

### THROUGH CHRIST

Gal 4:7 Eph 2:7 Php 4:7 Php 4:13

# **THROUGH HIM**

John 3:17 Rom 5:9 Rom 8:37 1 John 4:9

### **WITH HIM**

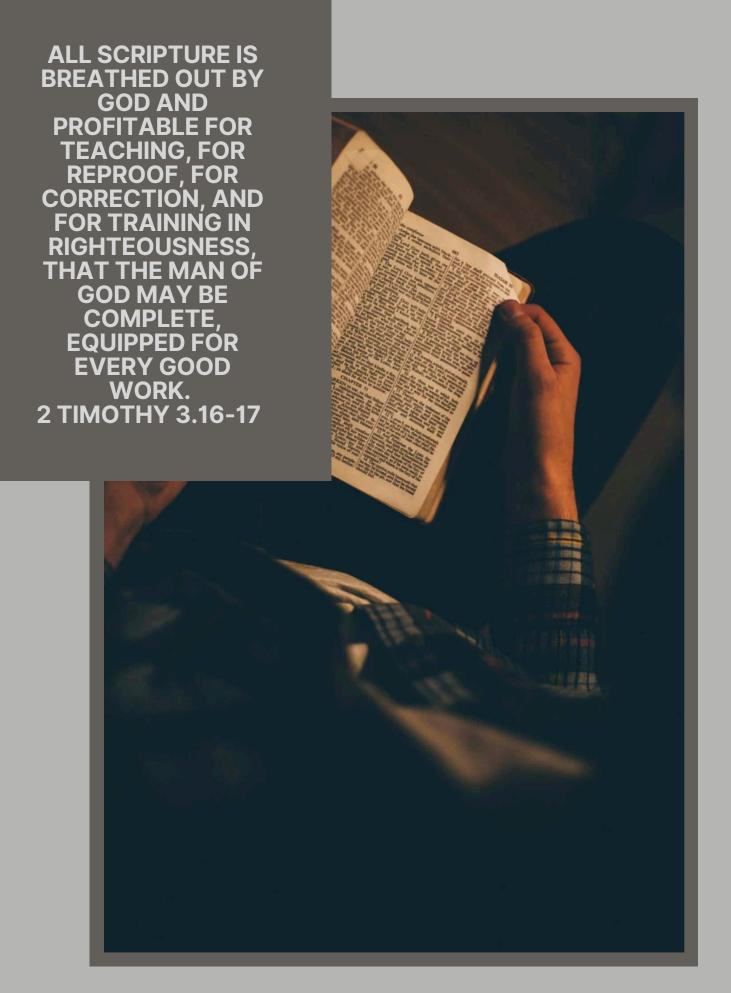
Rom 6:4-8 Rom 8:32 2 Cor 13:4 Col 2:12-13 Col 3:4 2 Tim 2:11-12

# CHRIST IN YOU Col 1:23-29 1 John 4:4

IN HIS NAME Matt 18:20 Mark 16:17-18 John 14:3-14 John 16:23-24 1 Cor 6:11

# IN THE LORD Eph 5:8

Eph 6:10



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