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**A Force To Be Reckoned With**

Hebrews 9:15-17 And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. (16) For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. (17) For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth. (KJV)

Who better to be the one mediator between God and man than Jesus Christ Himself. Not only did this man die on the cross outwardly, but He also took up a spiritual cross as well and died to anything or anyone that would be a hindrance to His walk. Because of His willingness to die to self, He was able to give an effective testimony to the things of God in a way mankind had not seen demonstrated before.

Mark 1:26-28 And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him. (27) And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, what thing is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him. (28) And immediately his fame spread abroad throughout all the region round about Galilee. (KJV)

Strongs definition for ‘authority’:

1849 exousia (ex-oo-see'-ah); from 1832 (in the sense of ability); privilege, i.e. (subjectively) force, capacity, competency, freedom, or (objectively) mastery (concretely, magistrate, superhuman, potentate, token of control), delegated influence:

KJV-- authority, jurisdiction, liberty, power, right, strength.

You know, this power, liberty, and authority is available to you as well so that you too can give an accurate and yes forceful account of what our Lord has done on our behalf. Do you go through your day knowing that you have the victory already, or do you act like it is a toss of the dice and maybe you will get a good bounce?

Titus 2:13-15 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; (14) Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. (15) These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee. (KJV)

You know Church, this is why God sent His Son, so that we could walk and talk with the same authority that He did, as well as get the same results. God doesn’t desire to see His people living in fear; rather we should be walking in power, love, as well as in a sound mind to carry out what He is asking of His people. Oh and by letting no man despise you; that would include yourself who at times can be your own worst enemy if not dealt with and put in subjection to the Spirit.

Matthew 7:28-29 And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: (29) For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. (KJV)

So how would you really describe the testimony you are giving today? Is it something you are reading from someone else’s scripted version or manmade doctrine, or is it something coming from the heart, something that you know is truth, and died to get hold of personally?