

JESUS CHRIST IS LORD.

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1. The early church preached that **Jesus Christ is the Risen, Ascended Lord of all**.
“God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.” *Ac 2:36*.
Phil 2:9-11, 1Tim 6:15, Ac 5:30,31, Eph 1:20-23.
2. **Jesus declared His total Lordship** of all things. *Mat 28:18-20, Jn 13:13,1*
3. Jesus came and exercised the authority and power of God in the earth.
Mat 7:28,29, Mat 13:54, Lk 4:32,36, Mk 1:22.
4. Jesus had the Father’s power and authority because **He was appointed**, and He set His mind and will **to obey the Father**. *Jn 4:34, Jn 5:30, Jn 6:38, Jn 14:10, Jn 8:26-28, Heb 10:5-9, Jn 5:19,20*.
5. **Jesus humbled Himself in obedience** to do God’s Will, and “therefore God has highly exalted Him and given Him the Name which is above every name.” *Phil 2:9*.
6. Gen 1:26-28, Ps 115:16, Ps 8:6-8, Heb 2:7,8 tell us that God has given authority, to govern this earth, to men. Men are to have His authority, and govern the earth for Him. Read *Rom 13:1-7, 1Tim 2:1,2*.
7. **God delegates His authority to His Church** , to those who believe in Him and obey Him. *Mat 28:18-20, Jn 20:21, Lk 10:19, Mat 10:1,Lk 9:1,2*.
(The traffic officer who directs us to pull over and stop when we have broken a traffic law, and issues us with a “ticket”, has authority that is delegated to him by the Government, the Transport Dept. The Government does not exercise its authority to apprehend us directly.)
8. See *Deut 28:1-14*, which says that as we obey God, He will give us authority over all nations, *v 1,13*.
9. When we set our hearts to walk in God’s Will and do what He wants, **we act and speak, with His authority and power**. *Mat 8:9*.
10. In Jesus’ day, Paul’s day, and in the days of the New Testament the word “church” (Gk: ekklesia) meant the governing body of citizens in a city state - a properly constituted assembly of people to govern.
See *Ac 19:32,39,41* where the word “assembly” in KJV is ekklesia, and is used in this way in *v 39*.
So in *Mat 16:18, Mat 18:17,19*, Jesus said, “I will build My church, My governing body of citizens of the Kingdom of God in the earth, to rule and to govern on My behalf.” The Church of Jesus Christ is God’s delegated, governing body in the earth.
This rule of the Church, in the earth is by obedience. The authority of the individual believer to rule, *Rom 5:17*, is based on his/her obedience to God’s Will.

11. **When we do God's Will, we act in God's authority.**
- a. **Know that His Will is our highest good** and that as we obey Him we have His authority to be overcomers.
 - b. **Choose with the will, to do His Will in each situation.** *Jn 7:17.* Jesus said if you choose to do God's Will He will cause you to know if what you are hearing is from God or not.
Revelation comes from choosing to do God's Will.
 - c. **Seek God to reveal His Will.** *Col 1:9, Jer 33:3, Is 55:6, Mat 7:7,8.*
 - d. **Believe the Word and the promises of God.** He will come and live His Life in you and through you. *Num 23:19, 2Pet 1:4, 2Cor 1:20, Heb 6:12, 1Thes 5:24, Job 23:14, Heb 13:20,21, 2Cor 6:16.*
 - e. Act. Step out in faith. Act on His Word. *Jam 2:26.*
12. **The church exercises its authority** to rule and govern the earth in various ways. Some of those ways are:
- a. **Maintaining unity**, in humility, love, harmony, (truth and love, *Eph 4:15*), peace, fellowship, within the church. *Eph 4:1-3, Phil 2:1-4, Ac 1:14.*
 - b. **Continuing worship**, praise and thanksgiving unto the Lord. Praise is a powerful weapon of victory, as God is enthroned in the praises of His people.
Ps 22:3 (see NIV) God inhabits the praises of His people(KJV). Praise is the raw material out of which God fashions victory for His people.
Praise is faith in action. Praise declares God's victory, authority, power, salvation. We enter God's presence by praise and thanks. *Ps 100:4, Ac 16:25,26, 2Chr 20:22.*
 - c. **Intercession - prayer.** *1Tim 2:1,2* is a mighty weapon of God. God hears the cry of His people as they gather in unity, harmony, faith, hope, love, truth
Mat 18:18-20, 2Chr 7:14, 2Cor 10:3-5.
"If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father which is in heaven."
Jn 16:23,24, Jn 14:12-15, Mat 7:7,8, Lk 11:9-13, 1Jn 5:14,15.
 - d. **Proclamation of the Gospel by the Church** by the individual saints to the unsaved. Evangelism. Speaking to others. Sharing the Good News. Preaching, teaching the Word of God. *Mat 28:18-20, Ac 11:19,20,21.*

AMEN!