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#### **Eight Areas of Christ's Authority**

**1. Authority as Creator** 

All of creation was created FOR HIM
 He is the rightful recipient of every created being's worship and adoration

He has created you to accomplish what He has commanded you to do

He creates "new creations" in place of the old

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**2. Authority of Sustaining His Creation** 

He is managing His creation, therefore I can focus on His work for me and I can live without fear

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**3. Authority Over Satan and Demons** 

In Christ, we are free from the control of the evil one so that now we can obey His commands

Our mission is to "open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and <u>from the</u> power of Satan to God"

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4. Authority Over Earthly Rulers

No earthly rulers, nor their armies, nor their decrees can thwart God's plans to build His kingdom and save His people

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**5. Authority Over Sickness and Suffering** 

Exodus 4:11 Then the Lord said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the Lord?

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The Gospel is the only message with true hope because in the Kingdom of God... ...a compassionate, sovereign God is always present in suffering ...sickness and suffering have meaning and purpose **2** Corinthians 1 **3 Blessed be the God and Father of our** Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.

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## 2 Corinthians 4

16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, yet our inner self is being renewed day by day. **17 For our light and temporary affliction is** producing for us an eternal glory that far outweighs our troubles. 18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

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Proverbs 16:4 The Lord works out everything to its proper end— even the wicked for a day of disaster.

Proverbs 19:21 Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails. Proverbs 21:30 There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan that can succeed against the Lord.

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God is sovereign over the plans of evil men – His plans will succeed, and theirs will fail

Throughout history, God has used for good that which is meant for evil

Acts 4:25 You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of Your servant, our father David:

- 'Why do the nations rage, and the peoples plot in vain?
- 26 The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against His Anointed One.'
- 27 In fact, this is the very city where Herod and Pontius Pilate conspired with the Gentiles and the people of Israel against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed.
- 28 They carried out what Your hand and purpose had decided beforehand would happen.

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7. Authority Over Salvation

John 17:1 When Jesus had spoken these things, He lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son may glorify You. 2 For You granted Him authority over all humanity, so that He may give eternal life to all those You have given Him.

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Having authority over salvation means that, ultimately, Christ is in the seat of judgment

#### John 5

25 Truly, truly, I tell you, the hour is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.

26 For as the Father has life in Himself, so also He has granted the Son to have life in Himself. 27 And He has given Him authority to execute judgment,

because He is the Son of Man.

28 Do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming when all who are in their graves will hear His voice 29 and come out—those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

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8. Authority Over Death

1 Corinthians 15:24 Then the end will come, when He hands over the kingdom to God the Father after He has destroyed all dominion, authority, and power. 25 For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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It is only the Gospel of Jesus Christ that has the solution for death **Hebrews 2** 14 Therefore, since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity, so that by His death He might destroy him who holds the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

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Every believer in Christ can live each day with great hope for the future inheritance kept for us

## 1 Peter 1

**3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord** Jesus Christ! By His great mercy, He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, reserved in heaven for you,

5 who through faith are protected by God's power for the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

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