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What Gives You the Right?

Luke 20.1-8

"Tell us by what authority you are doing these things," they said. "Who gave you this authority?" v. 2

Jesus was given the authority by God to complete his mission on earth:

He has authority over weather and elements. Mark 4.41

He has authority over sickness. Matthew 8.8-9

He has authority over nature. John 2.1-12

He has authority over evil. Luke 4.35-36

He has authority over death. John 11.43-44

He has authority in his teaching. Matthew 7.28-29

He has authority over everything! Matthew 28.18

Jesus passed on his authority to his disciples so they could carry on his mission:

When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.
Luke 9.1-2

Because we belong to Jesus, what rights—and what authority—has he given to us?

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."
Matthew 28.18-20

- We have the right to be called **CHILDREN** of **GOD**.

Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.
John 1.12

- We have the right to call God **FATHER**.

And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father." Galatians 4.6 NLT

- We have the right to **APPROACH GOD** freely.

So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.
Hebrews 4.16 NLT

- We have the right of being in **GOOD STANDING** with **GOD**.

Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory.
Romans 5.1-2 NLT

- We have the right to **ETERNAL LIFE** in God's **PRESENCE**.

"Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city." Revelation 22.14

What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?

Love God, Love Others, Learn Jesus, DO SOMETHING!
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