

Sermon Recap: The Profundity of Christ's Authority

Taught by: Bishop Clifford Craft

Based on: Rhapsody Devotion – June | Scriptures: Mark 16:17, Ephesians 1:17–23, Ephesians 2, Matthew 28:18, John 14–16

Central Theme: Walking in the Fullness of Our God-Given Authority

Bishop Craft passionately taught that **spiritual authority is not reserved for elite Christians**—it is the right and responsibility of every believer. Using the Rhapsody devotion and scripture as his foundation, he reminded us that when we accept Christ, we are **no longer spiritually dead** but alive with power, positioned to reign in life.

Key Revelations & Insights:

1. Salvation Awakens Authority

- *Ephesians 2*: We were spiritually dead until we received Christ. Now, we are alive and empowered.
 - **Quote**: “Anybody can be alive. But in Christ, you come *fully alive*—spiritually equipped.”
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2. Authority Is Our Inheritance

- *Mark 16:17*: “These signs shall follow them that believe...”
- Bishop explained that we have:
 - **Power to cast out devils**
 - **The legal right to use Jesus’ name** (power of attorney)
 - **Authority to act on behalf of heaven**

Quote:

“God gave all of us a blank check. But most of us never write anything on it.”

3. Power of Attorney Analogy

- Just like receiving a signed check, Jesus authorizes us to **use His name** to release healing, deliverance, and authority.

- **Quote:** “Stop calling on God to do what He told *you* to do. You’ve got the check. Cash it.”
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4. Practical Use of Authority

- We must apply our authority in everyday life:
 - Over disobedient children
 - In homes plagued by spiritual oppression
 - In regions dominated by crime, confusion, and sin

Quote:

“You tired of that spirit ruling your street? Then **move it** in prayer. Shift the atmosphere.”

5. Principalities and Powers Explained

- Principalities are fallen angelic ranks, not just demons. They influence cities and regions.
- Bishop taught that **we have power over them**, as seen in:
 - *Ephesians 1:20–23*: We are seated with Christ “far above all principality and power.”
 - *Daniel’s story*: Spiritual resistance delayed the answer, not God.

Quote:

“These spirits carry atmospheres. If murder rules a city, it’s because believers haven’t yet taken territory in the spirit.”

6. There Are No Super Sons

- Everyone who believes is a child of God with **equal access to power**.
 - **Quote:** “A pastor ain’t above you. We all got the same blood. Ain’t no super sons—just sons.”
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Call to Action: Activate What You Already Have

- Stop tolerating what Jesus already gave you power to change.
- Don’t wait on God to act—**He’s waiting on your authority** to be released.
- Protest in the **prayer room**, not in the streets. That’s where the real shift happens.

Quote:

“You're having bad days because you keep putting up with them.”

Biblical Foundations Reaffirmed

- **Mark 16:17:** Believers cast out devils—not maybe, but will.
 - **Ephesians 1:21:** Christ is exalted *far above* all powers—and so are we.
 - **Matthew 28:18:** “All power is given unto Me... therefore go.”
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Closing Truths That Hit Home:

- You have power over all devils—immediately after salvation, not years later.
 - God fights your battles **when you invite Him in**.
 - Every system, government, and demonic force is **already subject to Jesus**.
 - Prayer is not begging—it's warfare with delegated power.
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Final Declarations:

“Shout: *I have power!*”

“God gave me authority—I'm going to use it.”

“In Jesus' name, I'm taking territory in my house, my city, and my generation.”