

Well, we did it again! We went about proclaiming liberty throughout the land! It's so much fun, so exhilarating and energizing, to proclaim liberty. It's no wonder that it was the foundation of Jesus' ministry, that's what He came to accomplish, and He did! **"Christ has set us free!"** (Ga 5:1) And we've been given authority over all of the power of the enemy! (Lk 10:19) And that's "Good News!"

The truth that we rehearsed here last week, that Jesus "...wiped out the written record of the *dogma* that was against us, and He has taken it out of the way, nailing it to the cross." (Col 2:14, Enhanced), continues to affect me. Of course it's been there all along, but until recently it just hadn't registered with me how much Paul wrote about not getting entangled again into religion. Remember "dogma" from last week? "A doctrine or a corpus of doctrines relating to matters such as morality and faith, set forth in an authoritative manner by a religion." Just before that (in verse 8) Paul had written, **"And look, don't let anyone take you captive through philosophy and vain deceit down from the tradition of men, down from the principles of the world (the elements of religious training or ceremonial precepts), and not down from Christ."** And even before that he set this up with, **"...I'm telling you this so that no one may deceive (mislead) you in persuasive words (enticing arguments)."** (v 2-4)

Why is this so vital? Because **"in Him (Jesus) dwells all of the fullness of the Godhead bodily, and you are filled *en* Him, Who is The Head of all principality and authority!"** The phrase "fullness of the Godhead bodily" is just another way of saying, "the totality of divine powers", which is what the early Church meant by "the fullness of God". They were describing "God in a body". "Well, what does that have to do with me?" Everything! Because **"you are filled up in Him."** and not only are you filled with the "totality of divine powers" just like Paul wrote in Eph 3:19, since He is "The Head", so are you! Somebody shout!!

Look, Jesus has taken away the ordinances that were against you, don't rebuild them, instead be filled with Him! Paul addressed this in his letter to the Galatians, **"For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I establish myself again as a transgressor."** (Ga 2:18) Don't do it! **"Stand fast in liberty! Christ has set us free. Therefore do not entangle yourselves again in a yoke of bondage."** (Ga 5:1, Enhanced) Movin' on...

Now, like last week, let's spend some time on why these things are so important. In a word, power and authority! (So, OK, that's actually 2 words.) But whose power and whose authority?" As Susan would say, (let the reader understand,) God, Jesus, and The Holy Ghost! But it's also "us"!

We are to take this power and authority and make the Kingdom happen in the earth, as in **"Your will become, as in Heaven, so also upon earth,"** (Mt 6:10) I gave testimony to some specific things that I believe The Spirit of God has spoken to me to "...declare as to what must happen", (Ro 8:26 Enhanced) Having been filled with the divine power and authority out from Jesus, we are to reign and rule with Him. He is "alive in us", that's how He's still here "in the earth". We are to speak out His Words, His plan, His design, His intent into "the heavens". We usually call that "prayer". This power is a major part of bringing the will of God into the earth.

I'm out of room, so let me just leave you with a thought. Paul told Timothy to make declarations, entreaties, and intercessions over all men, including kings and those in authority,. right? So, in around 150 years The Church went from flat out persecution to being the official state religion of the Roman Empire, coincidence? **"If you abide in Me and My words remain in you, whatever you intend, if you require it, it will become to you."** (Jn 15:7), is not *just* for you, this is one of the ways that we reign and rule!