

We Own It; We Decide!

When We Begin To Walk In The Blessing Of Christ As If We Own It, Then We Are Where God Wants Us.

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If we are still seeing the things of God as apart from us, borrowed, or not belonging to us, then we are still babes in Christ. We haven't grown up enough to realize what God has done in us through Jesus.

When we drive a car that belongs to someone else we might be uncomfortable with it. We don't want to damage it, use it poorly, upset the owner or feel that we are *bothering someone*; therefore, we operate it tentatively, carefully, and stressed. When we drive our own car we are not worried about upsetting someone else or stressed over possibly damaging someone else's car. We drive our own car with authority and boldness knowing that it belongs to us. Most importantly we are not subject to **someone else's approval** to drive our own car!

Likewise, when we operate in spiritual things do we feel we are borrowing them **and/or seeking approval**? When we pray do we feel like we are bothering God? **We need to realize that God has given all things in Christ to own!**

If we feel like we are a bother to God, that we are borrowing from Him, that He has to stop whatever He's doing to give us approval, then we don't own what God has given us. This may be a new idea or thought to us that God has given us all things that pertain to holiness (II Pet. 1:3). **We owned it when we accepted Jesus.** God already decided to pour out His love upon us and **bestowed in us the same life of Jesus. Whatever Jesus is; we are...as a gift to own** (II Cor. 8:9 & I John 4:17)! Furthermore, God has already given to us His great and precious

promises (II Pet. 1:4)! This means He's already said yes and is waiting on us to believe Him!

2Co 1:20 **For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen,** to the glory of God through us.

Jesus said, "I have come that you might have life abundantly (John 10:10)." Then He explained:

Lu 10:19 "**Behold, I give you the authority** to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you."

We've Been Given These Things Too:

- 1) Mt 16:19 "And **I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven,** and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."
- 2) Joh 6:32 Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but **My Father gives you the true bread** from heaven.
- 3) Joh 14:16 "And I will pray the Father, and He will **give you another Helper,** that He may abide with you forever—
- 4) Joh 15:16 You didn't choose me. I chose you. **I appointed you** to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the **Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name.**
- 5) Eph 4:7 But to each one of us **grace was given** according to the **measure of Christ...**
- 6) 2Pe 1:3 as His **divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness,** through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,
- 7) 2Pe 1:4 by which **have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises,** that through these you may be partakers of

the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

- 8) 1Jo 4:13 By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, **because He has given us of His Spirit.**
- 9) 1Jo 5:11 And this is the testimony: that **God has given us eternal life**, and **this life is in His Son.**

These scriptures and more included gifts of ownership to: prayer, authority, great and precious promises, His Spirit, Eternal life, His Son, The Divine Nature, full grace to the measure of Christ, everything that pertains to life and godliness, and the Bread of Heaven!

If we have been given something as a gift then the ownership passes from the giver to the receiver doesn't it? Before the gift was given it belonged to the owner. When it was given in full to the receiver it now belongs to him or her. **This means as the owner we decide if, how, when, where, that gift will be used!**

We Are One With Him; Therefore, We Own With Him!

Furthermore, God has called us joined as One with Him (I Cor. 6:17). When we marry we become one with our mate. This oneness means a life of mutual respect, privilege, and sharing all things together. When we look at one we are looking at the other. We share the same name, possessions, money, opportunities, house, food, and benefits. **In a real sense we own one another.** I have the right to inquire into anything my wife is about and likewise so does she in regards to my life.

With God we have been bought with a price and now we belong to Him.

1Co 6:20 **For you were bought at a price;** therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, **which are God's.**

When God bought us He did it through the sacrifice of His Son. This price is unmeasurable to us. The cost of our salvation is

incomprehensible; however, **it speaks volumes to the value of our life to the Father.** We were not bought to be slaves or pets, or employed as workers or servants; **we were bought to be adopted as full sons and daughters.** God calls us friends and **we have become so identified with Christ that we are no longer seen outside of Him** from God's point of view. God decided to make us one with Christ and with Himself.

John 17:22 "And the glory which You gave Me **I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one:**

This means we have come into an inheritance that gives us ownership. He is Lord but has made us *joint heirs* with Him (Rom. 8:17). He has given us His glory! We've been made **One** with Him and the Father! This makes us co-owners of everything **in Christ!** He has elevated us from mere men to become a nation of kings and priests of His royal household. There is nothing above us in Him; all things are subject to us because of Him.

1Pe 2:9 **But you are a chosen** generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, **His own special people,** that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness **into His marvelous light;**

Then understand what God decided in Jesus when He gave us life in His name. This is the abundant life that we have become rulers with Him and thus given ownership of the things of God (Rom. 5:17). This is just what happens when **two people marry** they become one and owners together in life. Keep in mind that Peter said we were called out of darkness into His **marvelous** light! We are not brought just into the light to see God's glory but to experience it, use it, be One with Him in it—now that's marvelous!

Therefore, We Own Prayer; We Own His Peace; We Own His Faith; We Own His Strength; We Own His Name!

I put it in these terms so that we will realize that God has made all of His promises, (which are yes and amen in Christ--II Cor. 1:20), subject to us.

We have the authority to use the blessings of His grace at our disposal and determination. This means we own it. This ownership is conditioned **only** upon it being used as Jesus would use it; however, as far as when, where, how, by who, God already decided to bestow this authority on us. We are new creations born of the same nature as God in Christ, why would we use it any other way than God would (II Cor. 5:17)?

How Do We Own Things?

Think about how we operate with things we own. Do we ask others if we can use it? Do we seek permission where, when, why we are using it? When we own something don't we just use it? When we use it don't we use it with confidence, boldness, and authority?

When it comes to prayer we own it. What a strange thought; however, it is true because God already decided to give us the name of Jesus to call for, demand, or order whatever God's will is on the matter to be done. Since we own prayer and the privilege to use His name we don't need to ask God to use it. Prayer is given to every believer to be used for every need.

Joh 14:14 "If you **ask** anything in My name, I will do it.

Did you notice that prayer is calling for, commanding, demanding, or ordering whatever God's will is? When we were under the law and bound in sin our prayers were very conditional based upon our standing at the time with God. Now, that we are born again and belong to God

there is no sin issue between us. Our righteousness is not based upon our sins or repentance before God; it is based upon what Jesus did and the new creation we've become. We already repented and became God's son and daughter—we just need to live to it.

We don't need to ask God before we call for something He's given us (and bestowed upon us) by authority to use! In truth, when we continue to act as if our prayers are barrowed, a bother, or are requests for approval to get God to do something, we are not owning them. **We own the Holy Spirit as much as the Holy Spirit owns us.** We own God's power, faith, believing, **as must as God owns us.** This is an amazing fact about God's grace that He has given to us already the power and authority pertaining to life and godliness. This is what being made One means—it is mutual life and respect. **We have equality in Christ Jesus!**

We Need A Revelation!

We need a revelation of the position and power bestowed upon us as sons and daughters. We are kings and priests before our God and we do His bidding. We represent Him. We are sent by Him (John 20:21). We are authorized to use His power as if we own it...and we do. Consider the full meaning of these verses:

Ro 8:17 and if children, then heirs--**heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,**

Eph 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,**

Eph 2:6 and raised **us up together,** and **made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,**

If we own prayer then we ought to use it like we do. If we own His faith then we ought to exercise it like we do. If we own the power of God to deliver, heal, restore, provide and protect, then we ought to use it like we do.

What Are Some Characteristics Of Ownership?

- 1) We decide
- 2) We assume authority
- 3) We rest
- 4) We are confident and comfortable
- 5) We are bold
- 6) We don't back down or take no for an answer—it belongs to us

We own our relationship to God! Just as much as God owns us we are owners of the divine nature! **When we act sin conscious we are acting as if our relationship to God is conditional and subject to rejection. God can no more reject you than He can reject Jesus!** God removed the offense; He took away the judgments against us (Col. 2:14). God brought us into His being where nothing can separate us from His love ever again (Rom. 8: 35-39). Our relationship to God is ours and prayer belongs to us! This means we get to decide when, where, how, and why...because of what Jesus did for us!

Prayer is more than just conversation with God. Prayer is declaring God's will done on earth as it is in heaven. This means that we no longer request God to do this or that as in asking, seeking, and knocking. Now, **in our new position as one in God** we stand in His stead and have every right Jesus had to declare the things of God to be done!

We own prayer. We own faith. We own peace. We own the divine life. We own all that Jesus is because God owns us. We have been fully adopted and created new in His kingdom. We are sons and daughters of God and we represent Him as His body on earth.

This means that we don't beg God to give us what He has bestowed upon us. We take and accept that we have been made righteous and holy in Jesus and therefore stand as owners of the divine nature!

In true humility this means we accept what God has made us in full. Humility means that we stand in God's complete grace as born again believers. God wants us to act and own son-ship!

When Jesus Prayed (He's Our Example!)

When Jesus prayed He didn't ask of God He thanked God for the authority to declare in God's name. We are God's ambassadors, fully representing Him upon this earth. We are God's ministers of reconciliation (II Cor. 5:18). This means we have the power and authority to forgive sins, to heal, to deliver, to restore, and redeem in Jesus' name (John 14:12)! We are His body. This means we possess the Spirit of God and God's will manifests through us as we command it so. This means that whatever we so desire according to God's will is ours to command!

We own prayer. We own the authority of Jesus' name. We are not borrowing them in order to give them back. It is not as if we have temporary approvals. **We possess them as a gift given for us to use in any way we see fit according to the will of God!**

As owners we operate our car at our will without stress and without worry that we are bothering anyone else. I just go and get in my car and drive it! When it comes to prayer I pray without stress or worry that I may or may not be accepted or heard. **I pray knowing that I own it and I'm not a bother to God in the least when I use His power or I am calling for it.** I just go to prayer and declare it. I drive it. **I have been pre-approved!**

I have the power of prayer at the tip of my fingers. I have the power of prayer at the tip of my words. I have the power of prayer subject to my

thoughts! I have been made righteous forever by the blood of Jesus and nothing that I pray for, command, speak to, and declare goes without God's back up.

When we own prayer in our heart we'll realize that it is no longer about asking, seeking, and knocking to get God to move or answer. **It is about us taking what God has given and proclaiming it as He would.** When we realize we own something we no longer act subject to someone else. If we own it we know we have the right to use it. We act boldly about those things that are subject to us.

How is it possible that God Almighty has subjected His divine nature, power, and authority to us? That would mean that we are over God or like God, or have God's power at our disposal. Let's just look at how Jesus prayed!

When Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead listen to how He prayed.

Joh 11:39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days."

40 Jesus said to her, **"Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?"**

41 Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. **And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.**

42 **"And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me."**

43 **Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!"**

Jesus didn't ask God to raise Lazarus and He didn't ask God for permission to do it; He just did it. When Jesus healed multitudes the scripture reveals that He laid hands on them and cast out demons with a word.

Mt 8:16 When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. **And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick,**

Jesus didn't ask permission to heal the sick or cast out demons, He just did it.

Let's look at Peter and John and how they prayed to heal a lame man.

Acts 3:4 And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "**Look at us.**"

5 So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them.

6 Then Peter said, "**Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.**"

7 And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

Peter and John acted like Jesus too. They owned prayer and the power of God and said, "What I do have I give you..." They didn't ask God to heal the man, they just did it.

Conclusion:

When you are borrowing something we must ask. When we don't own something we must ask. When we do not have the right or authority to something we must ask. **When we own something we don't...**

Until we realize that God has already given and bestowed upon us the same Spirit that raise Christ from the dead (Rom. 8:11), we are going to be weak in faith and operate in unbelief. When we don't act as if we are truly sons and daughters of God we are weak in faith and operate in unbelief. **God's sovereignty is diminished because we will not take our position or place in God.** Satan wins when we fail to act as if we are genuinely **one** with God. This is not arrogance it is accepting providence. This is not foolishness it is holiness. This is not making yourself out to be

God it is realizing that God has made you to be like Him. **When we cross over from tentative, doubtful, cautious, and unbelieving Christians to fully embrace His grace, we'll take ownership and begin to manifest God's glory as He intended. Amen.**