

MESSAGE OUTLINE

Sunday, January 21, 2024



CHURCH

הקהילה מתקדמת

10:30am Sunday 13095 Publishers Drive, Fishers

Today's Message: **AUTHORITY**
Galatians 1:13—2:10
Pastor Gary Stump

Don't we all struggle with submission to authority? What is it in us that causes us to resist or rebel against authority? What is the value of authority?

OUR TEXT: Galatians 1:13–2:10 (ESV) For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it.¹⁴ And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers.¹⁵ But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace,¹⁶ was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone;¹⁷ nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.¹⁸ Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days.¹⁹ But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.²⁰ (In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!)²¹ Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia.²² And I was still unknown in person to the churches of Judea that are in Christ.²³ They only were hearing it said, "He who used to persecute us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy."²⁴ And they glorified God because of me.¹ Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me.² I went up because of a revelation and set before them (though privately before those who

seemed influential) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure I was not running or had not run in vain.³ But even Titus, who was with me, was not forced to be circumcised, though he was a Greek.⁴ Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in—who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might bring us into slavery—⁵ to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you.⁶ And from those who seemed to be influential (what they were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)—those, I say, who seemed influential added nothing to me.⁷ On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel to the circumcised⁸ (for he who worked through Peter for his apostolic ministry to the circumcised worked also through me for mine to the Gentiles),⁹ and when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised.¹⁰ Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.

Paul early travels:

1. Jerusalem to Damascus (saved on the road 33 AD; baptized in Damascus)
2. To Arabia (for 3 years; Paul's "seminary")
3. Return to Damascus
4. To Jerusalem (met with Peter and James 15 days)
5. To Syria
6. To Cilicia
7. Back to Jerusalem (after 14 years went back to Jerusalem 47 AD; Acts 11:30)

The point: Paul, the Apostle, received Gospel Authority directly from Jesus

Apostle = one sent forth on a mission with a message

Without Authority we have chaos!

Judges 21:25 (ESV) In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

Under Messiah's Authority

Matthew 28:18 (NLT) Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given complete authority in heaven and on earth."

God has established Authority in the Home

1 Peter 3:1a; Eph. 6:1 (NLT) In the same way, you wives must accept the authority of your husbands...Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do.

God has established Authority through Government

Romans 13:1–2 (NLT) Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God.² So anyone who rebels against authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and they will be punished.

Rachmiel Frydland, *When Being Jewish Was a Crime*—Messianic in Poland during Holocaust

It was his [pastor's] opinion that since the Nazis were the government, he had to obey and remain faithful to these authorities whom God had appointed. (132)

God has established Authority of the Church

Hebrews 13:17 (NLT) Obey your spiritual leaders, and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this with joy and not with sorrow. That would certainly not be for your benefit.

Elders have great responsibility

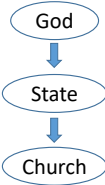


Acts 20:28 (NLT) And now beware! Be sure that you feed and shepherd God's flock—his church, purchased with his blood—over whom the Holy Spirit has appointed you as elders.

The teaching of the elders is not to be disregarded

Titus 2:15 (NLT) You must teach these things and encourage your people to do them, correcting them when necessary. You have the authority to do this, so don't let anyone ignore you or disregard what you say.

Are you under the authority of a local church?

How Authority Works:

		
NO!	NO!	YES!

Obey authority unless:

Acts 5:28b, 29 (ESV) "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name."...²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men.

1) It prohibits what God commands, or 2) commands what God prohibits

Summary:

- All authority is established by God.
- Submission to God's authority is God's will for us.
- Rebellion against any proper authority is rebellion against God.
- Without authority there is no head (order or leadership).
- Being under authority is being under protection.
- We are born with a rebellious streak.
- To reject authority is to remove God's protection.
- God will judge rebellion.
- Obey authority unless it prohibits what God commands
- Obey authority unless it commands what God prohibits

Submission to God's will

Matthew 6:10b (NLT) *"May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven."*

Luke 6:46 (NLT) *"So why do you keep calling me 'Lord, Lord!' when you don't do what I say?"*

SO WHAT? Where do you struggle with authority?

Do you reject God's authority as given in His word?

Isaiah 45:9a (NLT) *"What sorrow awaits those who argue with their Creator."*

Do you resist government authority?

1 Peter 2:13 (NLT) *For the Lord's sake, submit to all human authority—whether the king as head of state,*

Do you chafe under the authority in the home?

Ephesians 5:22; 6:1 (NLT) *For wives, this means submit to your husbands as to the Lord...¹ Children, obey your parents.*

Do you ignore the authority of the local church?

Hebrews 13:17a (NLT) *Obey your spiritual leaders, and do what they say.*

What does your response to God's authority say about you?

Let's be known as people submitted to God and His Authority!

1 Thessalonians 4:1–8 (NLT) *Finally, dear brothers and sisters, we urge you in the name of the Lord Jesus to live in a way that pleases God, as we have taught you. You live this way already, and we encourage you to do so even more...⁸ Therefore, anyone who refuses to live by these rules is not disobeying human teaching but is rejecting God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.*



ONWARD CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024

1. ONWARD MARRIAGE RETREAT 2024—February 24-25 at the Brown County Inn, Nashville, Indiana. Speaker: Matthew A. Vander Wiele, Ed.D. 40 rooms available for limited time. Double Queen Rooms @ \$130 + tax; King Rooms @ \$140 + tax; Rooms will be held until 1/24/24. Please call to reserve rooms at the Inn at 1-800-772-5249 or online ~ www.browncountyinn.com. Must give **Promo Code 0973**.

2. SERVE ON HOST TEAM— We are recruiting new members to our Host Team who provide the loving welcome of people who gather for service each Sunday. Show up 15 minutes early to pass out prayer cards and bulletins as you greet people, then pass the collection baskets during the offering time. Note on your Prayer Card if you are willing to serve. Thank you.

3. YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT—6-8pm. Dinner provided \$3/ student.

4. LADIES BIBLE STUDIES—studying 1 & 2 Timothy (two study options):

- Wednesdays, 9:30am at Kathy Stump's house (12928 Whitehaven Lane, Fishers)
- Thursdays, 7pm at Lynda North's house (9929 Brightwater Dr., Fishers)

5. MEN'S BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES EACH FRIDAY AT 7AM

6. PAL ("PARENTS OF ADDICTED LOVED ONES") MEETING—This is for families of adult children dealing with substance addiction. Every Tuesday night, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Free weekly meetings. Dr. Nancy Smith, facilitator. For more information, contact nancy1108smith@gmail.com or 317-508-8149.

7. GIVE BIBLES IN HONOR OF OR IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE—The Gideons have provided a display on the counter in the foyer for you to give God's word in honor or in memory of a loved one.

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