



DOMINION

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GENESIS

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IMPORTANT POINTS

1. Man was originally created to have dominion.
2. Man is born again to a New Creation position of authority.
3. God expects His children to be in charge and influential.
4. Believers exercise dominion through prayer, confession, and command.

Why be born again? Why get saved? What changes ... what are the benefits? These are reasonable questions asked by many who are sincere but lack the knowledge of the scriptures. What are the benefits of being a "Born Again" Christian instead of just calling yourself a Christian because you go to Church, don't lie, cheat, steal, murder, commit adultery, or take the Lord's name in vain? What really happens when a person recognizes their need for a Savior, repents of their sins, and personally receives Christ as Lord?

The person who believes in and calls upon the name of Jesus steps into Christ and therein becomes a New Creature in Christ. Although it cannot be observed with the natural eye, nonetheless an eternal change takes place: Old things pass away and all things become new in that person's life. Suddenly, to the joyful resound of heaven's choir, reality changes.

Along with salvation and eternal forgiveness of sins and acceptance into heaven come other New Creation realities designed to benefit the Born Again Believer in this life. One such reality is the element of Dominion.

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God created man like Himself and gave them Dominion. Dominion is the God-given right and power to govern and control the works of God's hand upon the earth. It is simply the position of being in charge. Man was not designed to be equal with the animals, subject to sin, or controlled by the elements of this world. Life is not meant to unfold in unpredictable, unmanageable, or uncontrolled chaos. God created Adam like Himself and gave him the right and power to accomplish the five original commandments of Genesis 1:28.

So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

GENESIS
1:27-28

The Original 5 Commandments

1. Be Fruitful
2. Multiply
3. Fill the Earth
4. Subdue the Earth
5. Have Dominion

Psalms 8 records King David putting forth the age old question of "Why am I here?" then answers that question with all certainty:

You have made man to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet.

PSALMS
8:6

Dominion reflects the positional authority delegated to mankind by God. This authority, like any other, is meaningless unless acted upon. God expects His children to “take charge” and make concerted efforts to influence and positively affect our surroundings and the course of this world. Taking charge immediately began in the Garden of Eden even in the seemingly little things like Adam naming the animals. It was clearly his responsibility because he was put in charge. He even named Eve, because it was his responsibility to make things happen.

In many instances we are either letting things happen or making things happen.

God has fully equipped His children with the tools necessary to exercise the dominion given them.

- Voice of Prayer
- Voice of Confession
- Voice of Command

Jesus plainly declared that all authority was given unto Him and therefore He commissioned us to go in His name and heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the leper; freely we have received and freely we are to give.

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.

LUKE
10:19

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.

MATTHEW
16:19

COMMENTARY

Some notable changes occurred when men first began to believe Jesus really was the promised Messiah, Son of God and therefore Savior of the world. One such evidenced change took place in the lives of men whom Jesus commissioned and sent out to minister in His name (Matthew 10; Luke 10). To these men Jesus gave both instruction and authority. They were told to go proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom and wherever they went they were to heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead and cast out devils. In other words, exercise dominion ... be in charge.

Following their faithful obedience these men began to experience miracles in their ministry. After completing their journey they returned with much joy, excited to report that even the demons were subject unto them when they invoked the name of Jesus.

This was a brief glimpse of but one New Creation Reality we receive when we are Born Again and come into Christ. Believers in Christ experience the reality of Dominion – the right and power to govern and control. Dominion is a God-ordained position from which the Believer exercises spiritual authority and demonstrates spiritual abilities.

God has not left His children in subjection to demons or disorders of this world. Sin, sickness, poverty, worry, frustration, anger, lusts, fear, disease, oppression, depression, possession, and pride all must bow their knee to the authority we have in that name above every name, Jesus. We exercise our dominion through prayer, confession, and command.

Birds were made to fly; fish were made to swim; man was created to have dominion. Refuse to be controlled by the lesser elements of creation. Instead of being out of control, embrace your God ordained position and begin to exercise dominion through your faithful obedience and faith-filled proclamations of the Gospel of Christ. This is a Kingdom Reality!

