

Hagin, Kenneth E.The Believer's Authority

6. Seated With Christ

The chapter argues that when Christ ascended He handed His authority to the Church. Because believers were raised and seated together with Christ at God's right hand, His authority now belongs to every member of His Body—not just to a select few. The author urges Christians to stop lingering at the cross and take up the authority they already hold, while warning against pushing the truth to fanatical extremes.

Key takeaways

- Matthew 28:18 should read "all AUTHORITY," not "power"; Christ transferred that authority to His Church.
- Raising Jesus was God's mightiest recorded work; the same act that raised the Head also raised and seated the Body.
- We are seated with Christ now—positionally in the place of authority—not only in the future.
- Preach a "throne" religion, not a "cross" religion: come by the cross for salvation but go on to resurrection and reign.
- This authority is grasped by spiritual revelation and faith, not by intellect alone.

- Stay balanced—"Father Divine" pushed "we are Christ" into cultic excess; avoid the ditch on either side.

Passages worth keeping

"If part of this verse is so, the whole verse is so."

If we believe we were raised with Christ, we must also believe we were seated with Him in authority.

"The cross is actually a place of defeat, whereas the Resurrection is a place of triumph."

Core of the chapter's call to move from a 'cross' to a 'throne' outlook.

How it connects

The chapter ties Christ's exaltation (Eph. 1) directly to the believer's position (Eph. 2): because Head and Body are one, His seat of authority is shared with us now, meant to be exercised over demonic powers in this life.

Scripture referenced

- **Ephesians 1:18-23** -- God's mightiest work: raising and exalting Christ far above all powers as Head of the Church
- **Ephesians 2:5-6** -- We were quickened, raised, and made to sit together with Christ
- **Colossians 2:15** -- Christ openly triumphed over defeated principalities and powers

- **1 Corinthians 12:12,27** -- We are the Body of Christ, called 'Christ'
- **Romans 5:17** -- Believers reign as kings in life through Jesus Christ
- **John 14:12** -- Those who believe will do the works Jesus did