

GOD DOES NOT ALLOW IT, WE DO!

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Earlier this week I talked to an unconverted man in the AA service garage in Panmure. He said to me, “If God is so powerful, **why does He allow all the evil**, that is occurring in the world?” He was speaking as though God was responsible to all the evil going on.

The day before that, I was talking to a fellow believer in our Church about “God’s sovereignty”, and man’s free will and responsibility. The comment was made, “Well, God allowed it to happen.” As though that gave sanction to what had occurred.

In the beginning God gave Adam and Eve responsibility and authority to rule the earth. *Genesis 1:26-28*. God blessed them, and said unto them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth **and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.**” *Verse 28*.

Psalms 115:16 “The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord’s, but the earth has He given to the children of men.”

Hebrews 2:6-9, Psalm 8:4 – 8, “What is man that You are mindful of him? or the son of man that you visit him? You made him a little lower than the angels. **You crowned him with glory and honour**, and did set him over the works of Your hands: You have put all things in subjection under his feet.” (quote from *Psalm 8*). For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him. **But we see Jesus**, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, **crowned with glory and honour**; that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man.”

Through the “fall of man” in *Genesis 3*, the authority God gave to Adam and Eve was transferred to Satan. Satan became the ruler of this world. *John 12:31, 14:30*. In His death, burial and resurrection, Jesus triumphed over the devil and took back all the authority that man lost to Satan at the “fall”. *Matthew 28:18, Philippians 2:9 – 11, Colossians 2:15, Hebrews 2:14*.

When we are born again and saved by the Gospel, we are baptised into Christ and put on Christ. *Galatians 3:27*.

We become “in Christ” people. *2 Corinthians 5:17*.

We are identified with Jesus Christ by water baptism, into His death, burial and resurrection. *Romans 6:1-6*.

We are raised with Him. *Colossians 3:1,3*.

We are in Him who is seated at the right hand of the Father. *Hebrews 1:3*.

We are seated with Him in heavenly places. *Ephesians 2:6*.

We are in Him who has all things under His feet *Ephesians 1:22*.

We are in Him who has all authority in heaven and earth. *Matthew 28:18*.

We have received abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness **to reign in life by One Christ Jesus**. *Romans 5:17*.

Jesus said that if two of us agree on earth as touching anything that we shall ask, it shall be done for us by His Father in Heaven. *Matthew 18:19*.

Jesus said, Where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there am I in the midst of them. *Matthew 18:20*

“Occupy till I come.” Or trade – do business. Jesus said that we are to do the business of the Kingdom until He comes again. *Luke 19:13*. (The Revised Version uses the word “trade” as in *19:15*, KJV.)

We are commissioned **to go and make disciples of all nations**, baptising them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever Jesus has commanded us. *Matthew 28:19,20*.

Jesus said, “And in that day, (when you see Me again after I have risen from the dead), you shall ask me nothing. Truly, truly, I say to you, **whatsoever you shall ask the Father in My Name, He will give it to you**. Hitherto have you asked nothing in My name: **ask and you shall receive, that your joy may be full.**” *John 16:23,24*.

It appears that God has given the Church authority, power and responsibility to rule in the earth. *Romans 5:17*. Through united prayer, praise, preaching, proclamation, witnessing, fasting, and doing good, in the power of the Holy Spirit, God has left the Church in charge of what happens on earth.

Bad things happen, that should not happen, because the Church has not exercised the authority we have been given, to rule on the earth. God has delegated His authority to the Church to rule on earth for Him.

He will not take back the authority He has given to us and come down and do what we are supposed to do.

A group of pastors in a small Northland town, in New Zealand, were concerned at the proposed brothel planned for the main street. After strong united prayer and the awesome presence of God, they went to the Mayor’s office and confronted the Mayor. They said to the Mayor, “This will not be, in our town!” And it wasn’t.