
Port Orchard Church of Christ

Where

Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lifted, Jesus is Lived

Biblical Authority pt.6: How in the bible doe God exercise His Authority? By: NT Wright

Then, we have to ask, if we are to get to the authority of scripture. How does God exercise that authority? Again and again, in the biblical story itself we see that he does so through human agents anointed and equipped by the Holy Spirit. And this is itself an expression of his love, because he does not will, simply to come into the world in a blinding flash of light and obliterate all opposition. He wants to reveal himself meaningfully within the space/time universe not just passing it by tangentially; to reveal himself in judgment and in mercy in a way which will save people. So, we get the prophets. We get obedient writers in the Old Testament, not only prophets but those who wrote the psalms and so on. As the climax of the story we get Jesus himself as the great prophet, but how much more than a prophet. And, we then get Jesus' people as the anointed ones. And within that sequence there is a very significant passage, namely 1 Kings 22. Micaiah, the son of Imlah (one of the great prophets who didn't leave any writing behind him but who certainly knew what his business was) stands up against the wicked king, Ahab. The false prophets of Israel at the time were saying to Ahab, 'Go up against Ramoth-gilead and fight and you will triumph. Yahweh will give it into your hand'. This is especially interesting, because the false prophets appear to have everything going for them. They are quoting Deuteronomy 33—one of them makes horns and puts them on his head and says, 'with these you will crush the enemy until they are overthrown'. They had scripture on their side, so it seemed. They had tradition on their side; after all, Yahweh was the God of Battles and he would fight for Israel. They had reason on their side; Israel and Judah together can beat these northern enemies quite easily. But they didn't have God on their side. Micaiah had stood in the council of the Lord and in that private, strange, secret meeting he had learned that even the apparent scriptural authority which these prophets had, and the apparent tradition and reason, wasn't good enough; God wanted to judge Ahab and so save Israel. And so God delegated his authority to the prophet Micaiah who, inspired by the Spirit, stood humbly in the council of God and then stood boldly in the councils of men. He put his life and liberty on the line, like Daniel and so many others. That is how God brought his authority to bear on Israel: not by revealing to them a set of timeless truths, but by delegating his authority to obedient men through whose words he brought judgment and salvation to Israel and the world.

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Welcome Guests

We are so glad that you decided to try out Port Orchard Church of Christ this morning! Since you took this step to join us for worship, I would like to give you a warm welcome to our congregation. Wherever you are this morning, as we lift worship to God, I pray that you are able to leave feeling uplifted, convicted, or encouraged in your faith.

We seek here to worship God like the first century church did, with a sense of awe and with a

fear of the Lord. Some things we do might seem old fashioned or traditional, but we want you to know that at its core, it is for the praise of God's glory.

You are not required to do anything weird or ostentatious. We hope that you feel free to join us in worshipping God to the best of your abilities. If you have any specific needs we have a ministry staff that would love to connect with you. Ask the people sitting around you for their

names and to point them out!

Once again, we are so happy to have you here worshipping with us and we hope this is a chance to worship God in a deep and meaningful way.

Cody Rousseau

Save the Dates!

Sunday 4/17 Kerri McDaniel Bridal Shower

Tuesday 4/19 Ladies Bible Class

Wednesday 4/20 Youth Group

Friday 4/22—4/24 Ladies Retreat

Friday 4/22—4/24 Inspire: Men's Retreat

Tuesday 4/26 Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday 4/27 Youth Group

Saturday 4/30 Deacons meeting

Sunday 5/1 Congregational Meeting

Tuesday-Friday 5/3-6 Pepperdine Bible Lectures/ Office closed.

Wednesday 5/4 Youth Group cancelled

Serving April 24, 2016 :

Port Orchard News and Events

Pulpit Preview— Acts 4: Living on a prayer

This week we will be hearing a sermon from the fourth chapter of Acts. We will be discussing the ordinary men whom God uses to do great works, speak boldly, and live faithfully. How can our lives mirror these faithful men and women?

Happy Birthdays!

Spring has arrived and the sun is starting to finally warm things up!! With it's arrival we have many brothers and sisters to celebrate their birth with. Let's celebrate the birthdays of our family members with joy and thanksgiving!

1— Veva Janes. 4— Virginia Martin. 6— Jim Snead. 7— Lucille Lowe. 10— Maydeane Furstenwerth; Jacob Hammock; Brandon Karn. 12— Jarrod Coley; Brad Orser. 13— Rick Velasco. 17— James Greer. 19— Rubin Carter. 21— DJ Magneson. 28— Lori Sanders

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

Meals Needed

Bonnie Mitchell, along with Pene Hammock and Judy Van Lueven will be coordinating the temporary providing of meals on occasions when they are requested. Upon receiving the request , we will coordinate with the family to ascertain their needs – length of time, dietary restrictions etc. Once this has been determined through various means of communication we will contact the families here at POCOC for those who would like to participate with providing the meals.

Prayer Leader: Jim Snead

Scripture Reader: Cody Rousseau

Offering Thoughts: Gene Gerard

Communion Meditation: Darrell Fry

Servers: D. Snypp & T. Bratcher

Ushers: W. Hammock & J. Bickle

Greeters: Greg & Sandi Warner

Nursery Attendants: TBD

Sound: Dale Sanders

Slides/Lighting: Chris Hill

Communion Prep: Warners

Communion Cleanup: Wilsons

Praise Team: Gene Gerard

Connie Greer

Laura Gerard

Kenny Benjamin

Sunday School & LG Helper: Dale Sanders

Fellowship Team: Donuts— Sandi Warner

Coffee— Greg Warner

Cleanup— Sandi Warner



There are some of you who want to always provide a meal, some who choose not to and some who would like to do so occasionally. Please email me if you fall in any of those categories and I will make a list which will be confidential.

This is a great ministry and can be an opportunity to serve others. If you have any questions, please be sure and call:

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Nursery and Communion

Thank you to all who served in the nursery and preparing and cleaning up communion this year!

Are you gifted with little kids? Would you like to serve somehow but don't know where to start? We have just the place for you! We need for more people to sign up for doing the nursery and communion prep/clean-up for 2016. There are only a few slots left for Communion, so if you feel like you are willing and able, please sign up in the foyer for the next opportunity on our community board. We will be printing a new Nursery sign up soon!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ladies Retreat

The ladies retreat is scheduled for April 22-24. Registration form and payment can be turned in to LaDonna Latham. Any questions regarding the retreat can be fielded by Lisa Bratcher. Information will be on the bulletin board and registration should be taken care of as soon as possible!

New Directory

The new directory is ready and waiting! As you leave today please pick up one copy per family from the back table so that everyone is assured at least one copy. Any extras will be up for grabs the following week. Thank you for your patience and updated information.

Bridal Shower: Kerri McDaniel

There will be a bridal shower held for Kerri McDaniel on April 17th at the church building at 3PM.

Our Prayer List

Healing for: Gary Chasteen, David Latham, Doloris Brun, Jodon Mason, Ben Mason, Karen Taylor.

Kara Mitchell's lumpectomy, that it shows no signs of cancer.

Eunice Orser and her family as they mourn the loss of her mother.

Ladies Retreat and those attending, that the Holy Spirit will be present and active.

Guidance for our deacons as they make decisions regarding our family and church.

Cody and Tiffany as they prepare to start a new journey in their lives.

Josh and Savannah that their baby continues to grow healthily and that Savannah is able to stay healthy.

Deja Cormier as she is adapting to life with a third child, that she and her kids will be healthy and safe.

Prayer for our homebound and infirm as they are unable to attend worship and fellowship with the family.

Prayers for our church as it works through Growth Group materials and seeks to grow in love, faith, and hope.

April 17, 2016

Worship: 73

Class: 34

Offering: NA

Goal: \$3,437.50

And how much more must we say of Jesus. Jesus the great prophet; Jesus who rules from the cross in judgment and love; Jesus who says: all authority is given to me, so you go and get on with the job. I hope the irony of that has not escaped you. So too in Acts 1, we find: God has all authority . . . so that you will receive power. Again, the irony. How can we resolve that irony? By holding firmly to what the New Testament gives us, which is the strong theology of the authoritative Holy Spirit. Jesus' people are to be the anointed ones through whom God still works authoritatively. And then, in order that the church may be the church—may be the people of God for the world—God, by that same Holy Spirit, equips men in the first generation to write the new covenant documentation. This is to be the new covenant documentation

which gives the foundation charter and the characteristic direction and identity to the people of God, who are to be the people of God for the world. It is common to say in some scholarly circles that the evangelists, for instance, didn't know they were writing scripture. One of the gains of modern scholarship is that we now see that to be a mistake. Redaction criticism has shown that Matthew, Mark, Luke and John were writing what they were writing in order that it might be the foundation documentation for the church of their day and might bear God's authority in doing so. And a book which carries God's authority to be the foundation of the church for the world is what I mean by scripture. I think they knew what they were doing.[3]

Thus it is that through the spoken and written authority of anointed human beings God brings his authority to bear on his people and his

world. Thus far, we have looked at what the Bible says about how God exercises his judging and saving authority. And it includes (the point with which in fact we began) the delegation of his authority, in some sense, to certain writings. But this leads us to more questions.

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