

# Jesus ~ Our Authority!

Matthew 8:5-13

## Introduction

- Submission to authority doesn't seem to be something that is well understood in our culture.
- The key to understanding submission to all authority and especially to our Lord is Faith in Jesus.
- We are told of man who understands authority because he was in authority and under authority.

## Part I — We Submit in Humble Faith...

- We recognize this man as a man of faith because of the humble nature of his words.
- This commander of 100 men was not Jewish and therefore recognized that he did not deserve to the right ask anything of Jesus.
- By faith, this man realized that Jesus didn't owe him anything.
- We would do well to understand that we are much better off submitting to the grace of God rather than trying to bargain with Him.

## Part II — We Submit With Confidence in His Word...

- True submission is a result of faith given and strengthened by the Holy Spirit working through the Word.
- True faith show complete confidence in the Word of God.
- God's word is powerful and deserves our submission...  
cf. Genesis 1, John 1:1-4, 14, Romans 10:17
- God's word is so powerful that it can humble the most arrogant hearts through the Law.  
cf. Romans 3:19-20
- God's word is so powerful that it can resurrect cold, dead, hearts to life.  
cf. Ephesians 2:5-9
- When we turn to God's Word in humble submission we do so with the confidence in knowing that every word is true and powerful.

## Part III — We Submit, Knowing that He is True God...

- We Submit to Jesus and His word because He is true God!
- The centurion recognized that Jesus' power and authority was without limits.

## Conclusion/Review

- Salvation is not a matter of genealogies or ancestry. Salvation is a matter of faith.
- Faith willingly submits with a humble heart, with confidence in God's word, knowing that Jesus is true God.