

## “We Champion Authority”

### Series: Itawamba Christian Church: Who We Are?

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Our quest to discover the ideals launching and hopefully sustaining this congregation: Unity. We discovered that Unity with a keen eye to the Restoration of the 1<sup>st</sup> Century model is the strategy.

Have you noticed how divided & messed up the Church in America is? The one missing element: Authority

Authority = Standard that all know, value, model

#### 1. In the Church, the Authority is \_\_\_\_\_

Then **Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.** <sup>19</sup>Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20

“All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.” Matthew 11:27

#### 2. In the Church, Authority revealed through the \_\_\_\_\_

“If you love me, keep my commands. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— <sup>17</sup>the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. **But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.** <sup>18</sup>I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.” John 14:15-18

I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. <sup>13</sup>But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you.” John 16:12-14

“**All Scripture is God-breathed** and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” 2 Timothy 3:16-17

“We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup>Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation of things. <sup>21</sup>For **prophecy never had its origin in the human will**, but prophets, though human, **spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.**” 2 Peter 1:19-21

#### 3. In the Church, Authority is modeled through \_\_\_\_\_

“Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. <sup>26</sup>Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>27</sup>and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— <sup>28</sup>just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Matthew 20:25-28

“**In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:** <sup>6</sup>Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; <sup>7</sup>rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup>And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!” Philippians 2:5-8

“I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, <sup>5</sup>because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. <sup>7</sup>Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord’s people. <sup>8</sup>Therefore, although in Christ **I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, <sup>9</sup>yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love.**” Philemon 4-9a

#### Conclusion:

“We are Not the only Christians, But we are Christians Only”

“No creed but Christ, no book but the Bible, no law but love, no name but the divine.”

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