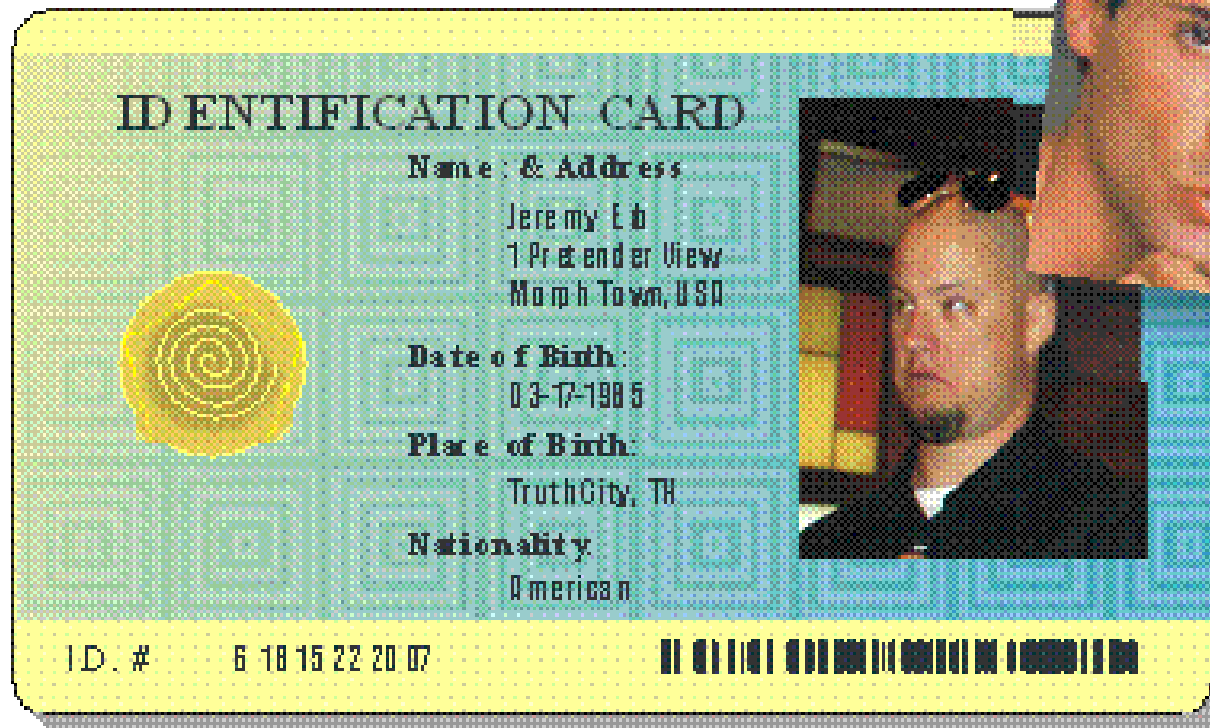


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## Who Has Access



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## ***Authority:***

- You can do all the stuff that Jesus did.
- John 14:12, “Very truly I tell you, all who have faith in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.”
- We suffer from spiritual amnesia.

## ***Luke 11:14-22***

- “Jesus was driving out a demon that was mute. When the demon left, the man who had been mute spoke, and the crowd was amazed. But some of them said, ‘By Beelzebul, the prince of demons, he is driving out demons.’”

## ***Luke 11:14-22***

- “Others tested him by asking for a sign from heaven. Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them: ‘Any kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and a house divided against itself will fall. If Satan is divided against himself, how can his kingdom stand?’”

## ***Luke 11:14-22***

- “I say this because you claim that I drive out demons by Beelzebul. Now if I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your followers drive them out? So then, they will be your judges. But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

## ***Luke 11:14-22***

- “When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe. But when someone stronger attacks and overpowers him, he takes away the armor in which the man trusted and divides up his plunder.”

## ***Reflections on Luke 11:14-22***

- The skeptics accused Jesus of driving out demons by the power of Satan.
- Demons are fallen angels. They are real spiritual beings. They can inhabit people. (Martin; Scott Peck, "Glimpses of the Devil")
- Jesus is the one who has tied up the strong man. He has overcome, and he has given us His authority. (authority vs. power)

***Matthew 16:13-19***

***When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”***

***They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”***

***Matthew 16:13-19***

***“But what about you?” he asked.***

***“Who do you say that I am?”***

***Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”***

***Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.”***

***Matthew 16:13-19***

***“And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of death will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”***

## ***Our Authority as believers:***

- ***Key Question: Who is Jesus? That is the central question of spiritual authority.***
- ***Who has the authority? (Peter; the church)***
- ***Images of authority – Keys; Binding & loosing; Gates of hell. (1<sup>st</sup> deliverance; praying for the sick; victory over sin)***

## ***Practical steps to take:***

- ***Wake up from your spiritual amnesia. Remember who you are.***
- ***Look for divine opportunities.***
- ***Take risks. Act in courage, and expect God to move.***
- ***Persist.***