

#### Jesus Came to Destroy the Works of the Devil!

...The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. I John 3:8

#### **THE DEVIL'S WORKS**

- 1. Instigating sin and rebellion
  - <u>1 John 3:8a</u> Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning.
- 2. Stealing, Killing, Destroying *John 10:10* The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.
- 3. Snatching Away the Word

*Luke 8:12* ... then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved.

Deceiving and Murdering

<u>John 8:44</u> You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

- 5. Blinding and Binding people
  - **2 Corinthians 4:4** In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ...
  - **2 Timothy 2:25** ...God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, <sup>26</sup>and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.
- Oppressing people

<u>Acts 10:38</u> ... God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

7. Opposing and devouring God's people

1 Peter 5:8 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

- 8. Producing and appealing to pride *I Timothy 3:6*
- 9. Intimidating through the fear of death *Hebrews 2:14-15*
- 10. Sowing weeds in God's field Matthew 13:39
- 11. Inciting persecution/throwing Christians into prison *Revelation 2:10*
- 12. Tempting with an easier way Matthew 4:1-9
- 13. Casting doubt on the worthiness of God Job 1:8-11

#### **JESUS THE VICTOR!**

## 1. Christ Destroyed The Devil's Works Through His Own Death On The Cross

*Hebrews 2:14* Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup>and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

<u>Colossians 2:15</u> And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

### 2. Christ Destroyed The Devil's Works Through His Giorious Resurrection From The Grave

<u>John 11:25</u> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <u>1 Corinthians 6:14</u> And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.

<u>Revelation 20:6</u> Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power ... <u>1 Corinthians 15:55</u> "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"

# 3. Christ Will Ultimately Destroy The Works Of The Devil At The Final Judgment

Revelation 20:7 And when the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison <sup>8</sup> and will come out to deceive the nations that are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle; their number is like the sand of the sea. <sup>9</sup> And they marched up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, but fire came down from heaven and consumed them, <sup>10</sup> and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.