

## The Cross Of Christ

### Jesus Came To Destroy The Work Of Satan

1 John 3:4-10 – Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup> But you know that he (Jesus) appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. <sup>6</sup> No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

<sup>7</sup> Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. <sup>8</sup> The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. <sup>9</sup> No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God. <sup>10</sup> This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God's child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister.

### Satan's greatest weapon is deception.

John 8:42-44 - Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I have come here from God. I have not come on my own; God sent me. <sup>43</sup> Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. <sup>44</sup> You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies."

John 14:6-7 - Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

### How Does Satan Attack People?

- **Temptation** (1 Corinthians 10:12-13)
- **False teaching** (2 Corinthians 11:13-15)
- **Lies about God** (Genesis 3:1-5)
- **Discouragement** (Romans 8:35-39)

## The Triumph Of The Cross

John 12:27-33 – Jesus said, "Now my soul is deeply troubled. Should I pray, 'Father, save me from this hour' (the cross)? But this is the very reason I came! <sup>28</sup> Father, bring glory to your name." Then a voice spoke from heaven, saying, "I have already brought glory to my name, and I will do so again." <sup>29</sup> When the crowd heard the voice, some thought it was thunder, while others declared an angel had spoken to him. <sup>30</sup> Then Jesus told them, "The voice was for your benefit, not mine. <sup>31</sup> The time for judging this world has come, when Satan, the ruler of this world, will be cast out. <sup>32</sup> And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." <sup>33</sup> He said this to indicate how he was going to die.

### Jesus gives us hope in a sin filled world.

#### • He blesses our obedience.

Psalm 119:1-3 - Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord. <sup>2</sup> Blessed are those who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart— <sup>3</sup> they do no wrong but follow his ways.

John 14:15, 21 – Jesus said, "If you love me, keep my commands. Whoever has my commands **and keeps them** is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

#### • He fills us with the Holy Spirit.

Galatians 5:19-23 - The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; <sup>20</sup> idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions <sup>21</sup> and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control.

#### • He promises us eternal life.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 - Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. <sup>18</sup> So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.