

Understanding Ways to Fight a Spiritual Enemy, part 2

Message Summary: Because Satan has been judged at the Cross, we can live spiritually alert lives and experience victory. For the believer, our spiritual site of victory is the Cross. The Cross made all the difference in our conflict with our spiritual enemy. One side lost. Jesus won! Today we are going to understand the significance of this event and grow in our alertness? Victory is our birthright as sons and daughters of God through Jesus Christ.

Spiritual Enemies Judged at the Cross

1. Satan and his demons were judged at the cross.

A. Satan was not punishing Jesus by having Him crucified.

1 Corinthians 2:7-8

B. The Cross was divine judgement. Colossians 2:14-15

2. What is Satan and his demons current activity?

A. Understand judgment gained versus a legal sentence carried out.

B. What is their current activity?

a. They work in the hearts of unbelievers. Ephesians 2:2

b. They blind people from the truth (even Christians). 2 Corinthians 4:4

c. They create false teaching (creating substitutes to God's truth). 1 Timothy 4:1

3. How does Satan's judgment effect the life of a follower of Jesus?

A. We have been delivered from Satan's kingdom. Colossians 1:13

B. We have protection and authority. 1 John 5:18

C. We have victory over our enemy. 1 John 4:4

4. We must remain spiritually alert. 1 Peter 5:8

A. Remember Satan and his demons still have great power.

- B. Give priority to God's word.
- C. Give priority to prayer.
- D. Learn to recognize the enemy's tactics and activity.
- E. Stay connected to the Holy Spirit.
- F. Stay connected relationally to each other.

LifeGroup QUESTIONS: *LifeGroups signups continue*

BEGIN IT- (5min) Praise & opening prayer.

OPEN IT- (10min) Growing up, what were you told about angels, demons and Satan? How do you feel about this topic after two messages on the subject?

EXPLORE IT- (60min) Review Sunday's sermon outline and allow the group to share their notes and comments. Now answer the following questions:

1. What did the cross accomplish as it relates to Satan and his fallen angels? How was he disarmed? How was he shamed? How was he judged?
2. Discuss the difference between the judgement gained versus the sentence being fully carried out?
3. Three key areas of Satan's current activity were discussed. Talk about each one and give some examples how you observe these activities.
4. How does the judgement of Satan at the cross effect the life of the follower of Jesus? Discuss the three areas that were shared. Why do these matter to you?

APPLY IT- (15min) What things can you do that helps you grow to be more alert to demonic activity and influence?