

THE BATTLE FOR YOUR MIND

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Satan, the great deceiver, is always offering a better deal than God. He is always attacking the credibility of the church, their faith and always trying to undermine and trip them up... often using the scriptures out of context to undermine their faith. This deceit is quite evident when dealing with the forgiveness of sin and remains a stumbling block for many spirit filled people, who hold confusing and often contradictory beliefs relating to this topic. Many struggle through a false salvation model, while the true and effective one is often beyond their knowledge. The aim of this presentation is to set some clear principles that hold true and will stand the test of doubt or criticism... freeing you truly from the law of sin and death. For the church... our task is to correct the errors relating to God and Christian living and reveal the true salvation God offers.

Satan cannot hide the fact that death comes to everyone... Judgement is inescapable. 2COR 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things *done* in his body, according to that he hath done, whether *it be good or bad*. While most are promoting unlimited freedom of personal choices and actions (despite certain death), God argues that there are consequences for our choices.

First stumbling block... without the indwelling anointing we are not saved and our sin will destroy us. ROM 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is **none of his**. Without any form of evidence, one belief is as good as any other. Faith is defined when God responds in a scriptural manner, rather than a religious one.

God's chosen evidence of His personal response to you... Satan offers nothing but distractions and debate. ACT 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. This is the scriptural evidence of true faith... not the silent compromise of false hope.

Priorities... nothing happens unless the Spirit has something to work with. MAT 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. There is a consistent battle to distract us away from the life saving power of God.

Satan uses human weakness to try and undermine the church and distract people from serving God. 1COR 7:35 And this I speak for your own profit; not that I may cast a snare upon you, but for that which is comely, and that ye may attend upon the Lord **without distraction**. I want you to do whatever will help you serve the Lord best, with as few distractions as possible. The next verse also has a similar theme.

MAR 4:18 And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, **19** And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it **becometh unfruitful**. All too quickly, God's message can be crowded out by the pleasures and worries of this life. The real damage is 'unfruitfulness'... God's words and promises are hidden from view from those who need it the most. The damage is not what you think, but rather the opportunities that God has planned for you.

God uses spiritual strength to defeat human weakness. COL 3:1 If ye then be risen with Christ, **seek those things which are above**, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. **2** Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. This requires a level of effort and commitment... will not come naturally, but works. **EPH 5:15** See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, **16** Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Make the best use of your time, by setting disciplines and goals... team up with helpful people.

For those who think they are not good enough. 2PET 2:9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished: Ask God and he will work your life out through the Holy Spirit... Satan says you're no good... God says your very important to him... who do you believe, because that is what the battle is all about. **ROM 6:22** But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

The battle for your mind is won or lost by the priorities you set yourself on a daily basis... MAT 7:7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: **8** For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. ...this is the consistent, universal law for power, peace and overcoming... the best action our mind can produce!!