

Satan versus CHRIST



- **There is great victory over evil spirits.**
- **Never worship the deceiver—Satan—or demons.**
- **All are doomed forever who receive on their hand or forehead “the mark of the beast” so they can buy or sell.**

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Satan, described in God's Word as "the prince of this world," is the arch-enemy of God and God's highest creation—man. We human beings are on a desperate battlefield. The battle rages between CHRIST and Satan. We must choose which of the two will be our personal master forever—CHRIST the Creator, who is Emmanuel (God with us); or Satan, the creature, who is prince of all rebellion against God. Through His death and resurrection CHRIST won perfect victory for all who will truly believe in Him.

Satan tries in numerous ways to deceive and mislead people. Worship is the ultimate issue. CHRIST, our Creator, deserves all worship. We identify with the one we worship. Satan's final attempt to capture people world-wide centers in: (1) independence from God, (2) obedience to demons, (3) worship of the "man of sin," (4) worship of his "image," and (5) the mark on the body required to buy or sell. Beware of all of these!

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GOD DID NOT CREATE AN OPPONENT

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God Created Lucifer for a Very High Position in Heaven

Thus says the Lord GOD: "You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering: the sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared for you on the day you were created."

Was Near God's Throne

"You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you;

you were on the holy mountain of God; you walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones."

Was Created Perfect

"You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you."

God Casts Out Sin

"By...your trading you became filled with violence within, and you sinned; therefore I cast you as a profane thing out of the mountain of God; and I destroyed you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the fiery stones." —Ezekiel 28:12-16

WHAT INSTIGATED LUCIFER'S SIN?

Pride goes before destruction,
and a haughty spirit before a
fall. —Proverbs 16:18

“Your heart was lifted up be-
cause of your beauty; you cor-
rupted your wisdom for the
sake of your splendor; I cast you
to the ground, I laid you before
kings, that they might gaze at
you.” —Ezekiel 28:17

The Rebel's Fate

“You defiled your sanctuar-
ies by the multitude of your
iniquities, by the iniquity of
your trading; therefore I
brought fire from your midst;
it devoured you, and I turned

you to ashes upon the earth in
the sight of all who saw you.
All who knew you among the
peoples are astonished at you;
you have become a horror, and
shall be no more forever.”

—Ezekiel 28:18, 19

Any Creature Is to Be Subject to the Creator

Serve the LORD with gladness;
come before His presence with
singing. Know that the LORD,
He is God; it is He who has made
us, and not we ourselves; we
are His people and the sheep
of His pasture. —Psalm 100:2,3

LUCIFER'S DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE 3

His Will Against God's Will

“How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’”

Works Destruction on Earth

“Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit. Those who see you will

gaze at you, and consider you, saying: ‘Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms, who made the world as a wilderness and destroyed its cities, who did not open the house of his prisoners?’”

He Is an Abomination to God

“All the kings of the nations, all of them, sleep in glory, everyone in his own house; but you are cast out of your grave like an abominable branch, like the garment of those who are slain, thrust through with a sword, who go down to the stones of the pit.” —Isaiah 14:12-19a

4 BEING INDEPENDENT OF GOD IS FATAL

In Lucifer First

(See Lucifer's five "I wills" in Isaiah 14:13, 14 on page 3.)

And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven." —Luke 10:18

In Angels that Follow Satan

God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment.

—2 Peter 2:4b

In People Satan Can Deceive

Not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the same condemnation as the devil.

—1 Timothy 3:6

For by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage. —2 Peter 2:19b

"For false christs and false prophets will arise and show great signs and wonders, so as to deceive, if possible, even the elect." —Matthew 24:24

Heaven Must Have One Will Only—God's Perfect Will

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God —Romans 12:2

Hell will have millions of wills hating each other forever.

“I am the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before Me.” —Deuteronomy 5:6,7

Give to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come before Him. Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness! —1 Chronicles 16:29

“Worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.” —Revelation 14:7b

Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.’” —Matthew 4:10

And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, “See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God!”

—Revelation 19:10a

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD our Maker. (See Genesis 1:27.) —Psalm 95:6

The Deceived Worship the Rebel

All the world marveled and followed the beast. So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast.

—Revelation 13:3b, 4a

6 DO NOT WORSHIP GOD'S OPPONENTS!

Satan and Demons Crave Worship

Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." —Matthew 4:8, 9

But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. —Revelation 9:20

God Destroys Such Worshippers

And a foul and loathsome sore come upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. And they were judged, each one according to his works. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

—Revelation 16:2b; 20:13b, 14

I am the LORD, that is My name; and My glory I will not give to another, nor My praise to graven images. —Isaiah 42:8

CHRIST'S ANGELS AND SATAN'S ANGELS

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The Lord's Angels Are Stronger Than Satan's Fallen Angels

Bless the LORD, you His angels,
who excel in strength, who do
His word, heeding the voice of
His word. —Psalm 103:20

And war broke out in heaven:
Michael and his angels fought
against the dragon; and the
dragon and his angels fought,
but they did not prevail.

—Revelation 12:7, 8a

God's Holy Angels Minister to and Protect the Lord's People

Are they not all ministering
spirits sent forth to minister
for those who will inherit sal-
vation? —Hebrews 1:14

For He shall give His angels
charge over you, to keep you
in all your ways. They shall
bear you up in their hands,
lest you dash your foot against
a stone. —Psalm 91:11, 12

Fallen Angels (demons) Are Determined to Take Man to Hell

“...and takes with him seven
other spirits more wicked than
himself....” —Luke 11:26b

Now the Spirit expressly says
that in latter times some will
depart from the faith, giving
heed to deceiving spirits and
doctrines of demons.

—1 Timothy 4:1

8 WHO AND WHAT SATAN ESPECIALLY HATES

Man, Created in God's Image

And as he was still coming, the demon threw him down and convulsed him. Then Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the child, and gave him back to his father. —Luke 9:42

Families—God's Blessing

“I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” —Genesis 12:3

Christ (God in the Flesh), with Salvation in His Very Person and Divine Blood

Then Herod... was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and

put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men. —Matthew 2:16

God's Word—Satan Contradicts It

“Has God indeed said...?” And the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die.” —Genesis 3:1b, 4

Spirit-Born Believers

Your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

—1 Peter 5:8b

Imitates Mark of Ownership

And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. —Revelation 22:3, 4

(See Satan's imitation, page 35.)

Perverts the Gospel with Lies

I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ.

—Galatians 1:6, 7

Imitates God's Ministers

For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.

—2 Corinthians 11:13, 14

Imitates God's Miracles with Lying Wonders

(2 Thess. 2:9; Rev. 13:13, 14; 19:20)

Just as Christ takes dominion when one truly worships Him, Satan takes dominion when people worship him or his gods.

O LORD our God, other masters besides You have had dominion over us. —Isaiah 26:13a

Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

—1 John 5:21

“You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself any carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them.” —Exodus 20:3-5a

Other gods are an abomination to God. Human Sacrifices Forbidden

“You shall utterly destroy all the places where the nations which you shall dispossess

served their gods, on the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree. Take heed to yourself that you are not ensnared to follow them, after they are destroyed from before you. You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way; for every abomination to the LORD which He hates they have done to their gods; for they burn even their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods.”

—Deuteronomy 12:2 and 30a, 31

Shall I give... the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

—Micah 6:7b

Christ's blood washes away sin.

The Folly of Idol Worship

Who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. —Romans 1:25

But our God is in heaven; He does whatever He pleases. Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths, but they do not speak; eyes they have, but they do not see; they have ears, but they do not hear; noses they have, but they do not smell; they have hands, but they do not handle; feet they have, but they do not walk; nor do they

mutter through their throat. Those who make them are like them; so is everyone who trusts in them. —Psalm 115:3-8

Idol Worship Is Devil Worship

Flee from idolatry. But I say that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons.

—1 Corinthians 10:14b and 20

The Punishment for Idol Worship

“Idolaters...shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

—Revelation 21:8b

12 IDOL (DEVIL) WORSHIP ABHORRED BY GOD

God Destroyed Nations for Their Idols—No Idols in Your House!

“No one shall be able to stand against you until you have destroyed them. You shall burn the carved images of their gods with fire; you shall not covet the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it for yourselves, lest you be snared by it; for it is an abomination to the LORD your God. Nor shall you bring an abomination into your house, lest you be doomed to destruction like it”

—Deuteronomy 7:24b-26a

Why were so many in God's chosen nation demon-possessed during

Christ's ministry? Their forefathers worshipped devils!

They served their idols, which became a snare to them. They even sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons. Therefore the wrath of the LORD was kindled against His people, so that He abhorred His own inheritance. —Psalm 106:36, 37 and 40

You shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me.

—Exodus 20:5

“You shall not permit a sorceress to live.” —Exodus 22:18

“Give no regard to mediums and familiar spirits; do not seek after them, to be defiled by them.” —Leviticus 19:31a

I will cut off sorceries from your hand, and you shall have no soothsayers. —Micah 5:12

“For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king.”

—1 Samuel 15:23

“When you come into the land which the LORD your God is giv-

ing you, you shall not learn to follow the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. For all who do these things are an abomination to the LORD, and because of these abominations the LORD your God drives them out from before you.” —Deuteronomy 18:9-12

Necromancy: The art of predicting future events by conjuring up the spirits of the dead; black magic.

14 FORETELLING THE FUTURE BY AID OF DEVILS

God Forbids Astrology, Sorcery, Cuttings and Marks on Flesh

“You shall not eat anything with the blood, nor shall you practice divination or soothsaying. You shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor tattoo any marks on you: I am the LORD.”

—Leviticus 19:26 and 28

“Therefore do not listen to your prophets, your diviners, your dreamers, your soothsayers, or your sorcerers.”

—Jeremiah 27:9a

“I will be a swift witness against sorcerers, against adul-

terers, against perjurers.”

—Malachi 3:5b

For the idols speak delusion; the diviners envision lies, and tell false dreams; they comfort in vain. Therefore the people wend their way like sheep; they are in trouble because there is no shepherd. —Zechariah 10:2

Trust the True Shepherd

[Jesus said,] “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.”

—John 14:1

Divination: Foretelling the future or unknown by false systems.

Sorcery: Magic performed with the aid of evil spirits.

RENOUNCE ALL METHODS OF DIVINATION 15

Divining by Familiar Spirits

And when they say to you, "Seek those who are mediums and wizards, who whisper and mutter," should not a people seek their God? —Isaiah 8:19a

Using Body Organs, Images

"For the king of Babylon stands at the parting of the road, at the fork of the two roads, to use divination: he shakes the arrows, he consults the images, he looks at the liver." —Ezekiel 21:21

Divining by Rods

My people ask counsel from their wooden idols, and their

staff informs them. For the spirit of harlotry has caused them to stray, and they have played the harlot against their God. —Hosea 4:12

Punishment for Divination

So Saul died for his unfaithfulness which he had committed against the LORD, because he did not keep the word of the LORD, and also because he consulted a medium for guidance. But he did not inquire of the LORD. —1 Chronicles 10:13, 14a

"So the seers shall be ashamed, and the diviners abashed... for there is no answer from God." —Micah 3:7

16 WAYS THE PRINCE OF THIS WORLD WORKS

The Heathen Follow Astrology

Thus says the LORD: “Do not learn the way of the Gentiles; do not be dismayed at the signs of heaven, for the Gentiles are dismayed at them.”

—Jeremiah 10:2

Do not trust in letters or objects for “luck,” nor yield yourself to devilish music or evil pictures. “I will set nothing wicked before my eyes” (Psalm 101:3.) For-sake pride, hypocrisy, and dead religion.

“Woe to you, . . . hypocrites! . . . which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full . . . of all uncleanness. Even so you also outwardly appear righ-

teous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.” —Matthew 23:27, 28

Suicide Is From the Devil

Do not believe lies from Satan or demons that killing yourself brings freedom from problems or guilt! “You shall not murder” (Exodus 20:13.)

Only Christ Frees From Guilt

(See pages 48 and 49.)

The LORD is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation; He is my God, and I will praise Him; my father’s God, and I will exalt Him.

—Exodus 15:2

Through False Prophets

And the LORD said to me, "The prophets prophesy lies in My name. I have not sent them, commanded them, nor spoken to them; they prophesy to you a false vision, divination, a worthless thing, and the deceit of their heart." —Jeremiah 14:14

"For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect."

—Mark 13:22

Through Talking with the Dead

Under inspiration of God, King David said of his son, "But now

he is dead...he shall not return to me." —2 Samuel 12:23

Do not talk with evil spirits, except to command them in Christ's Name to leave. Put no trust in palm reading, ouija boards, charms, magic. "Deliverance is of the LORD" (Proverbs 21:31b.)

Destroy Idols, Satan's Books

Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver. So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed. —Acts 19:19, 20 (*Read Genesis 35:2-5.*)

18 CHRIST CREATED SEX—SATAN PERVERTS IT

Sex Created for Marriage Only

Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. —Genesis 2:22 and 24

Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge. —Hebrews 13:4

For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

—Ephesians 5:5

Now to the married I command, yet not I but the Lord: A wife is not to depart from her husband. But even if she does depart, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband. And a husband is not to divorce his wife. —1 Corinthians 7:10, 11

(See Romans 7:2; Mark 10:9.)

Satan Is Behind Disobedience

He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. —1 John 3:8a

You Belong to the One You Obey

Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey? —Romans 6:16a

FORNICATION AND ADULTERY ARE REBELLION 19 AGAINST GOD

“You shall not commit adultery.” —Exodus 20:14

For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality. —1 Thessalonians 4:3

“The man who commits adultery with another man’s wife, he who commits adultery with his neighbor’s wife, the adulterer and the adulteress, shall surely be put to death.” —Leviticus 20:10

The Sin Against Your Body

Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. Do you not know that your bodies

are members of Christ? Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. —1 Corinthians 6:13b, 15a and 18

Parents to Shield From Sex Sin

Do not prostitute your daughter, to cause her to be a harlot, lest the land fall into harlotry, and the land become full of wickedness. —Leviticus 19:29

Fornication: Sexual relations on the part of any unmarried person.

Adultery: Sexual relations with other than marriage partner after marriage.

20 SATAN WAS DEFEATED BY CHRIST'S DEATH

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. —1 Corinthians 15:22

Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. —Hebrews 2:14, 15

For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. —1 John 3:8b

Having disarmed principalities

and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

—Colossians 2:15

Immortality for Us in Christ

Who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began, but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. —2 Timothy 1:9, 10

Your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith.

—1 Peter 5:8b, 9a

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places....that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, ... having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breast-

plate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the... gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always... in the Spirit, being watchful. —Ephesians 6:11-18a

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. —James 4:7

He [Christ] who is in you is greater than he [Satan] who is in the world. —1 John 4:4b

Why Satan flees: Christ is in you!

He is the Voice of God

God...has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds.

—Hebrews 1:1a, 2

And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. —Mark 1:22

Yet for us there is only one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live.

—1 Corinthians 8:6

“And has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man.”

—John 5:27

Who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.

—1 Peter 3:22

For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living. —Romans 14:9

Then Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.” —Matthew 28:18

CHRIST SPEAKS AND ACTS WITH AUTHORITY 23

Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. —Mark 4:39

He Healed with Authority

"But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—He said to the paralytic, "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go your way to your house." And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God. —Mark 2:10-12a

Christ Cast Out Devils

And when the unclean spirit

had convulsed him and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him. Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him."

—Mark 1:26, 27

Raised the Dead with Authority

Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother.

—Luke 7:14, 15

24 CHRIST GIVES HIS FOLLOWERS AUTHORITY AND POWER OVER ALL POWER OF THE ENEMY

“Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.”
—Luke 10:19

Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases.
—Luke 9:1

“For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will come

to pass, he will have whatever he says.”
—Mark 11:23

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also.”
—John 14:12a

Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.” —Mark 9:23

And what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power.
—Ephesians 1:19

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
—Philippians 4:13

Rebuke Them. Command Them Out in Jesus' Name

For He said to him, "Come out of the man, unclean spirit!" Then He asked him, "What is your name?" And he answered, saying, "My name is Legion; for we are many." ... Then the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine. —Mark 5:8, 9 and 13b

Jesus ... rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to him, "You deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him, and enter him no more!" Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that

many said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.... "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting."

—Mark 9:25b-27 and 29b

Paul ... turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour. —Acts 16:18b

But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him in their midst, it came out of him and did not hurt him. —Luke 4:35

26 THE SUPREME NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

“And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.”

—John 14:13

Therefore God also has high-

ly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow.

—Philippians 2:9, 10a

After taking my wife and family on faith back to Africa to work for Christ, I awakened one night with a horrible evil spirit on top of me. When I moved my knee against his knee to see if it were real, he pushed my knee back suddenly with great strength, and came all the faster toward my neck to choke me. I had time to cry out just three words, “Jesus, help me!” Instantly, he was gone, and I have never had a repeat of that in the years since. There is awesome power in the Name of Jesus Christ over Satan and all demons! Call on Christ's Name for salvation and deliverance (Romans 10:13).

One lady told my wife and me that when she was in college, a young man took her for a walk down a railroad track. At a certain point, he

tried to kill her, intending to make it appear she had been killed by a train. When she commanded him in the Name of Jesus Christ, he was powerless against her. In the power of Jesus, she made him walk in front of her all the way back to the college.

Another lady told my wife and me that in her younger days she unwisely opened her apartment for a fortune-telling party. After that, evil spirits began repeatedly moving furniture around in her apartment. In desperation, she cast them out of her apartment in the Name of Jesus. Later, she yielded herself completely to Jesus Christ.

Never pity nor sympathize with Satan or demons. Their *only purpose* is to get you to side with them rather than with God. An elderly Christian, stricken with physical weakness and mental confusion, told me things Satan was saying to him. He was considering “giving him a try.” I pointed out that Satan is a master at *deceiving* people and you cannot trust a word he says. I rebuked Satan in the Almighty Name of Jesus Christ. This man said, “I’m *glad* you came tonight.” He seemed peaceful in Christ the next five weeks before he died.

— *Watson Goodman (1920-2002)*

Christ Is the Creator God

For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

—Colossians 1:16

Christ Gives Light and Peace

“To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.” —Luke 1:79

Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always.

—2 Thessalonians 3:16a

Demons and Satan Destroy

“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.” —John 10:10a

“Woe to the...earth...! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time.” —Revelation 12:12b

Satan Gives Darkness, Torment

The way of the wicked is like darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble.

—Proverbs 4:19

“The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes.” —Luke 16:22b, 23a

Christ Is Truth

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

—John 1:14 and 8:31b, 32

Christ Is Full of Love

By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

—1 John 3:16

We love Him because He first loved us.

—1 John 4:19

Satan Is Father of Lies

"You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it."

—John 8:44

Satan Inspires Hate

"If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you."

—John 15:18

Now the works of the flesh are evident, ... hatred, ... wrath.

—Galatians 5:19a, 20

Christ Cleanses the Soul

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

—1 John 1:7

Christ Delivers From Sin

Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

—Romans 5:9

Christ Gives Eternal Life

“And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”

—John 17:3

Satan Pollutes the Soul

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption.

—Galatians 6:7, 8a

Satan Entices People to Sin

He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning.

—1 John 3:8a

Satan Leads to Eternal Death

“The tares are the sons of the wicked one. The enemy who sowed them is the devil, ... the tares are ... burned in the fire.”

—Matthew 13:38b-40a

He Is Prince of This World Now

“I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.” —John 14:30

Satan Is Prince. If Things Are Not Going Right, Blame Him

This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing will be there. —James 3:15, 16

When Satan has the chance, he destroys freedom to worship Christ openly. He cannot destroy your heart-love for Christ. Keep the faith!

Be True to Christ Unto Death

And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on God and saying, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not charge them with this sin.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep. —Acts 7:59, 60

Christ's World Government

Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever.

—Isaiah 9:7a

*Man of Sin Empowered
by Satan*

Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him....Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of

His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders.

—2 Thessalonians 2:1, 3, 4, 8-9

And the dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.

—Revelation 13:2b and 7b

So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?" —Revelation 13:4

He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, shall persecute the saints of the Most High, and shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time. But the court shall be seated, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and destroy it forever.

—Daniel 7:25, 26

And he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who

dwell in heaven. And it was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. And all who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. If anyone has an ear, let him hear. —Revelation 13:5b-9

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. —1 Timothy 6:12

*World religious leader helps
Antichrist deceive the world.
Worship or Die!*

And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who

worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire.

—Revelation 13:14, 15 and 19:20a

God's People Reject Other gods

“If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up.”

—Daniel 3:17, 18

And he causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

—Revelation 13:16-18

*Better Day Coming
for the Saved*

“These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made

them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

—Revelation 7:14b-17

Better to enter heaven hungry than hell with a full stomach!

ALL PEOPLE ARE DOOMED WHO WORSHIP THE ANTICHRIST, OR RECEIVE HIS MARK ON THEIR BODY IN ORDER TO BUY OR SELL

Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. And he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.

"And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever;

and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."

Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them." —Revelation 14:9-13

VICTORY OVER SATAN'S MARK AND IMAGE BEFORE GOD'S WRATH COMES TO EARTH

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Seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete. And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God. And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: "Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints!" Then I heard a loud voice from the tem-

ple saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out the bowls of the wrath of God on the earth."

—Revelation 15:1b-3 and 16:1
(Revelation chapters 16-18: seven plagues and results.)

Beheaded Martyrs Reign

I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. —Revelation 20:4b

38 ARMAGEDDON, THE BATTLE CHRIST STOPS

Devils Gather Nations to Fight

For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon. —Revelation 16:14 and 16

Christ Liberates His Land and His Chosen People, Israel

“Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness. And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all

who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.” Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle. And this shall be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the people who fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh shall dissolve while they stand on their feet, their eyes shall dissolve in their sockets, and their tongues shall dissolve in their mouths.

—Zechariah 12:2a, 3; 14:3, 12

If God be for us, who can be against us? —Romans 8:31b

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness.

—Romans 1:18

Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. —Revelation 19:15, 16

“And He shall reign forever

and ever!” —Revelation 11:15b

*Antichrist rules a few years.
Christ rules here 1,000 years,
then He reigns forever.*

But they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years. —Revelation 20:6b

“And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed.” —Daniel 2:44a

*All Nations to Worship Christ
the LORD!*

All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord, and shall glorify Your name. —Psalm 86:9

And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our

God day and night, has been cast down." —Revelation 12:7-10

Weapons to Win This War

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death." —Revelation 12:11

Satan's Eternal Fate

And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. And the devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. —Revelation 20:9b and 10

Lucifer could have obeyed in celestial joy forever, but he tried to rule God's kingdom.

(Read Isaiah 14:13, 14 on page 3.)

The Lord Christ Reigns Forever

Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, the power and the glory, the victory and the majesty; for all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and You are exalted as head over all.

—1 Chronicles 29:11

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at

His coming. Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be destroyed is death.

—1 Corinthians 15:22-26

Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

—Revelation 11:15

*Satan Corrupts Body and Soul
with Homosexuality,
Murder of Unborn Babies,
Demon Possession*

...Men...burned in their lust
for one another ...receiving in
themselves the penalty of
their error.... —Romans 1:27

These...things the LORD hates,
...hands that shed innocent
blood. —Proverbs 6:16a, 17b

“Then he goes and takes with
him seven other spirits more
wicked than himself, and they
enter and dwell there; and the
last state of that man is worse
than the first.” —Matthew 12:45a

And no wonder! For Satan

himself transforms himself
into an angel of light.

—2 Corinthians 11:14

Seek only the Living God. Do not call upon “another god” to know the future, to read minds, to be physically healed, or to have spiritual guidance.

Satan, the rebel against God, stands behind all of this. He works through people, literature, material objects, and religions of error. What he produces may look miraculous and helpful at first, but it brings one into Satan's cruel bondage. Only Christ can set you free.

Do not yield yourself to the control of any spirit that is not of God's Holy Spirit. Believe only the Bible and the Lord Jesus Christ. (*See Revelation 19:13.*)

Any teaching that leads away from the narrow way of forgiveness, cleansing, and redemption through the blood and person of Christ is false and deceptive.

And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many." —Matthew 24:4, 5 and 11

For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: whose end is destruc-

tion, whose god is their belly.

—Philippians 3:18, 19a

Forgive and Be Forgiven

"For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you."

—Matthew 6:14

Precious Blood of Christ Redeems

Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, ...but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.... who through Him believe in God.

—1 Peter 1:18a, 19 and 21a

Ruled by the Sin Principle

But we are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; we all fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. —Isaiah 64:6

Wrath on Spirit of Disobedience

In which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of

wrath, just as the others.

—Ephesians 2:2, 3

Satan Masters the Unsaved

But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

—2 Corinthians 4:3, 4

In Christ Is the Victory

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

—Romans 8:1

“The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one.”

—Matthew 13:38

“You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do.”

—John 8:44a

In Adam, We Rebel Against God

“He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.”

—Matthew 12:30

This Is Why We Must Be Born

Anew of the Spirit of Christ

Therefore, if anyone is in

Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

—2 Corinthians 5:17

“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life.”

—John 10:27, 28a

Yield to the Lord Jesus Now

Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

—2 Corinthians 6:2b

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

—1 John 1:9

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. —Romans 8:35 and 37

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

—1 John 5:4

Reward Those Who Overcome

“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of

the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it.”

—Revelation 2:17

“And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations.” —Revelation 2:26

You are very important to God. Calvary proves that! God is very important to you!

Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God.

—2 Corinthians 3:5

CHOOSE WHOM YOU WILL SERVE FOREVER 47

Appear with Christ in Glory

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience.

—Colossians 3:1, 2 and 4-6

Or Be Cursed with Satan Forever

“Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels.’”

—Matthew 25:41

The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God. —Psalm 9:17

“And if your hand makes you sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed, than having two hands, to go to hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched.” —Mark 9:43

Humble Yourself

And Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." —Matthew 18:2-4

Repent of Sin

John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. Now after

John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

—Mark 1:4 and 14, 15

"I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish."

—Luke 13:3

"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord."

—Acts 3:19

(More on next page.)

RECEIVE CHRIST AS YOUR SAVIOR TODAY

Give Yourself to Jesus Christ

Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass. —Psalm 37:5

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

—John 3:16

So they said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.” —Acts 16:31

God Gives the Right to Be His Children

But as many as received

Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.

—John 1:12

Confess Christ Openly

If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes to righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made to salvation. For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.”

—Romans 10:9b-11

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