

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

DESTROYING THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL

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PART 1: DEFINING THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL

There were several people who did not understand last week's message on resisting the Devil and how we are to take the offensive against the kingdom of Satan and not to stay in a defensive mode all the time. [RLJ-1238](#)

In order to clarify my position that Christians should be on the defensive but also on the offensive, I am going to repeat part of the message.

RESISTING THE DEVIL

There is no place in the New Testament where we are told to surrender to the forces of the Antichrist. We are told that the Antichrist will make war with the believers in Christ and overcome them but we are never told to surrender. **Revelation 13:4-9**

Twice we are told to resist the Devil and not to give in. **James 4:7, 1 Peter 5:8-9**

HOW TO MAKE WAR AGAINST THE DEVIL

We are told to fight with our spiritual weapons. **2 Corinthians 10:3-5**

The Devil and his underlings is the real enemy who possesses unsaved people and hurls them against us. **Ephesians 6:10-18**

WHAT ARE THE WORKS OF SATAN?

God has revealed through His prophets how Satan operates. In the book of Isaiah we are told that Satan weakens nations, made the earth to tremble, shook kingdoms, ruined the ecology and made the earth like a wilderness; he destroyed cities, kept prisoners indefinitely and murdered his people. **Isaiah 14:12-20**

The prophet Ezekiel tells us there is iniquity in Satan and he created violence through business (wars are fought over economic issues); there is corruption in him, he defiled the churches by massive wickedness and corrupt trade; he was a terror and the first terrorist. **Ezekiel 28:11-19**

Jesus told us that Satan is a liar and the father of all lies. **John 8:44**

Jesus also told us that Satan is a thief, a destroyer and a murderer. **John 10:10**

All these evil works of Satan took place before the creation of Adam and Eve on the earth and in space and culminated in the Space War. **Revelation 12:7-12**

Satan became the prince of this world after he deceived Adam and Eve and enticed them into sin. **John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11**

Satan ushered in the same destruction to the re-created earth which he wrought in the pre-Adamic world. He doesn't have a new program; it is just the same old



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thing packaged differently to suit the expansion of human knowledge and technology. **Ecclesiastes 1: 9-10**

JESUS CAME TO DESTROY THE WORKS OF SATAN

The purpose of Messiah coming to the earth was to destroy the works of Satan.

1 John 3:8

The primary stranglehold over the human race was the satanic grip when Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit and slipped into the hands of Satan. **Genesis 3:1-7**

Jesus destroyed this satanic work on the cross. **Colossians 1:9-14; 2:10-15**

Satan would never have moved the Jewish leadership to kill Jesus if he had known the outcome would free the human race from his bondage. **1 Corinthians 2:7-8**

JESUS HAD A PLAN

Jesus started to attack the kingdom of Satan during his 3.5 years of ministry on this earth until He defeated the Devil once and for all at the cross. Not only did Jesus cast out demons and heal the sick but He set up His men to be trained in this spiritual warfare.

Jesus limited the attacks to be carried out on the demon possessed remnant of the 12 Hebrew tribes prior to the cross. **Matthew 10:1-8; Luke 9:1-2; 10:1-3, 9, 17-22**

There were times when Satan fought back and Jesus had to step in because the disciples did not have enough faith to continue the attack. **Matthew 17:14-21**

Jesus came to set the captives free. **Luke 4:14-21**

Are you part of Jesus' plan?

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Have you made plans on how to finish your life or are you just drifting?

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?