

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

SATAN'S INFILTRATION OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

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PART 1: SATAN'S LEGAL RIGHT

I became a pastor in 1975, and since that time, I have served in three different churches, *Lodi Christian Life Center*, *Christians Life Ministries*, and my current pastorate, *Resurrection Life of Jesus Church*. My wife and I soon discovered that it was harder to be a pastor than an evangelist.

As the churches had setbacks from time to time, we would call for extra prayer meetings, examine ourselves, and lament with the following statements:

1. God, what are we doing wrong?
2. Show us our sins so we can repent.
3. Why is the church always torn up the moment the membership reaches more than 50 people?

Over the years I would beat myself up and be in constant turmoil. I preached salvation, holiness, water baptism, the Holy Ghost baptism and the second coming of Christ; in other words, I have been preaching the same way that was done in the Book of Acts.

After 33 years as a pastor, God showed me the truth in this matter and my questions have finally been answered. It is an ugly answer that will upset most Christians and cause them to reject it. **The moment a church is formed and the Holy Ghost is moving, saving people, and filling them with the power of God, Satan will send in demonic forces to destroy the church from within and make sure that the move of God is stopped!**

Now before you get angry and walk away, let's do a brief journey through time and use the Bible as our tour guide

THE GARDEN OF EDEN

The Bible tells us that when God created the earth and all its living beings, *it was good!* **Genesis 1:26-31**

Guess who showed up a little later in the beautiful Garden? The Devil, and it didn't take long for him to wreck the relationship between man and God and have Adam and Eve forced to leave of the Garden. **Genesis 3:22-24**

THE FLOOD

Once the Devil and his fallen angels took control over man, they made the earth such a hellhole that God had to kill off all living things on the surface and start over with just eight people. **Genesis 6:1-13**



THE TOWER OF BABYLON

The wicked people living prior to the flood were gone and the earth was repopulated by Noah, his three sons and their wives. As the years went by, the people started to multiply in large numbers and the Devil showed up again. God had to intervene again in order to destroy the plans of the Devil. **Genesis 11:1-9**

LOOKING THROUGH THE OLD TESTAMENT

From Abraham to King David, there was never a time when God's people were not confronted by the Devil. During the time of the judges, Israel fell repeatedly into the clutches of the Devil with their idol worship.

During the time of the kings in Israel and Judah, the leaders and the people were constantly harassed by the Devil and frequently were deceived and received great punishment from God.

The culmination of demon infestation was pointed out by Jesus. **Matthew 23:13-15; John 8:39-59**

JESUS DID NOT ESCAPE THE DEVIL

As soon as Jesus started public ministry, He got a visit from the Devil, who tried to snare Him and destroy His mission on the earth. The Devil lost this round. **Luke 4:1-13**

Jesus was never free from the harassment of the Devil; Judas was possessed by Satan and followed Jesus wherever He went. **John 6:64-71**

WHAT ABOUT THE APOSTOLIC CHURCH?

It didn't take long before the Devil showed up in the newborn and powerful Holy Ghost church in Jerusalem. **Acts 5:1-11**

God moved swiftly and killed this lying couple so the Devil used strife as a different ploy. **Acts 6:1-7**

SATAN'S LEGAL RIGHT

There are two places in the Bible where we are told of Satan's legal right to challenge and test a man of God:

1. Job was attacked because he was walked with God. **Job 1:6-21; 2:1-9**
2. The apostle Peter was attacked because he was a follower of Jesus. **Luke 22:31-32**

There was a war in heaven between God and Satan. Satan lost and is now disputing his sentence to the Lake of Fire by accusing God in the heavenly court system of being unrighteous. This is where man comes in to play as God shows His righteousness. Therefore, every born again believer will be challenged by Satan and his demons in order to discredit God!

The war in heaven. **Revelation 12:7-10**

The court system in heaven. **1 Kings 22:19-23; Daniel 4:13-17; Job 1:6-7; 2:1-2**

The sentence of Satan. **Matthew 25:41; Revelation 20:10**

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

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?