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What Paul Taught the Corinthians about Satan

The New Testament tells us that Satan is a roaring lion who walks around seeking to devour God's people (1 Pet. 5:8). Christians are clothed with the armor of God as they seek to be on guard against the wiles of the devil (Eph. 6:11-17). The more we know about the way Satan operates, the better off we will be in our efforts to withstand him. As Christians, we should remember that we do not have to fear the devil because Jesus has destroyed him and the power he possesses (Heb. 2:14-15). However, he can still exercise power and influence over us if we yield to him.

Paul dealt with several issues in 2 Corinthians: defending his apostleship, discussing the contribution for Jerusalem and following up on some of the things he wrote in 1 Corinthians. Also within 2 Corinthians, Paul spoke more about Satan and how he works than he did in any of his other writings. The Corinthian congregation is known for the problems it had. Like every congregation, there were issues with which to deal, and these two letters reveal the guidance he gave to them. By looking at the warnings he gave the Corinthians and also the way in which he described Satan's work, we can be better prepared to resist the devil ourselves.

We Know How Satan Works

In 2 Corinthians 2, Paul wrote about receiving the one who had repented. Paul told them that they should realize the punishment he received was enough (v. 6). They should forgive and comfort him so that he would not be overcome with sorrow (v. 7). Additionally, they needed to affirm their love for him (v. 8). Paul encouraged them to do all of these things because they were not ignorant of how Satan operates (v. 11). Satan would love for hard feelings to persist and for grudges to build.

The Corinthians were to be wise and not to let Satan gain an advantage or outwit them (ESV). We, too, are not ignorant of his devices. We have a Bible full of details about the ways he behaves. From Genesis 3, we know that Satan seeks to introduce doubts into our minds about God and what He says (Gen. 3:1-6). Later, John spoke of the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, in which Satan is, no doubt, a major contributor (1 John 2:15-17). We read of him tempting the Son of God and how he tried to cause Him to stumble when He was physically weak (Matt. 4:1-11). Knowing how he works, we should not be caught off guard by the tactics he employs. Paul encouraged the Corinthians to rely on their knowledge about him and make the right decisions. We know the things that tempt us most and how Satan has used those things in the past to trip us up. We need to be people that are aware of the devil's strategies and respond accordingly.

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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. ... 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. **John 1:1-2, 14**

Let us know if you want to study
the Bible to know more about
Christ and His Church.

Did God Make Me a Sinner?

How many times have you heard someone say, “God made me this way!” Emotional justification for sinful action is a common claim made by many, and unfortunately, not only the unsaved make such an assertion. The idea is this: If emotions are uncontrollable, then we are not responsible for our actions. That’s a very dangerous proposition! “I’m not in control” sounds very much like, “Don’t blame me for my actions, blame God. He made me this way!” Therefore, I have justification to act as I will without remorse. “Do as thou wilt and whatever feels good do it” are, by the way, central tenets of Satanism and not Christianity.

It is true that God gave us emotions, but He also gave us reason. It is true you can choose not to lose your temper. You can make a different decision and make up your mind that you’re going to act on reason and not on emotion. That is one of the things that separates us from the animals. We have the ability to think things over and not act immediately on our emotions. Our feelings are not our thoughts, yet, sadly, many are ignorant of this truth or behave badly in spite of what they know.

Our ability to reason is a supernatural aspect of our God-given spirits. We can think before we act or react. Take, for example, King David’s lust for Bathsheba in 2 Samuel 11. David did not have to act on that emotion, and he was held accountable for the sinful actions that resulted. God holds us accountable for our emotions, and there are consequences to our choices. Emotions aren’t bad in and of themselves, but it’s when they are misused that sin enters the scene.

Consider love and compassion. Many define them as emotions, yet, biblically, they are identified as acts of one’s will. Love is not always a good thing, either; many love sin with a passion. We must be mindful of whom and what we love.

Far too many are proud of their sins. They claim they were born like that and credit God with their sinful practices. Yet, they have no understanding of the will of God. He does not program us to sin; rather, He grants us freewill. We have the choice to obey His Word or our own feelings.

Consider the crowds that heard Peter in Acts 2 and how they were moved to repent. Contrariwise, the crowd that heard Stephen in Acts 7 was moved to homicide. Did emo-

tion justify Stephen’s murder or the former’s obedience to the Gospel? Remember, the men who killed Stephen felt that they were pleasing God; did not their hearts tell them so? They tore their garments, they were carried away by self-righteous rage, and they took up the stones and threw them with the intent to kill! Does emotion, as a God-given attribute, excuse sinful actions? Does it justify sin? God forbid!

Folks caught up in the emotions of religious fervor think because they felt something in their hearts, God blessed them in what they did. Many believe they are saved, and yet, God tells us to believe and to be baptized so we can be forgiven of sin (Mark 16:16), rather than wait until we get a fuzzy feeling inside! Salvation has nothing to do with an emotional rapture at a revival meeting but everything to do with an act of the will, based on the facts presented to us in God’s Word.

The obedient heart is not one where feelings control one’s thoughts; instead, that is an idea of our western culture. Rather, a person ought to practice the reasoning and logic described in the Book of Proverbs. Does our Lord have emotions? Indeed, He does, for He wept at the fate of rebellious Jerusalem (John 11:35). He shed tears of blood at Gethsemane, but He pressed on to the goal despite His fear. That is obedience and choice. That is the perfect example of not allowing emotions to control one’s actions.

Emotions play an important part in our humanity, but justifying our actions by claiming that emotions control us is not only an abdication of personal responsibility, but it is a placement of responsibility for our sinful behavior upon God! Considering the statement, “God made me this way, I can’t help it,” let’s follow that path of illogical reasoning. It is saying that God is to blame for my lashing out in anger, stealing the thing I desire, hurting others to gratify myself and outbursts of violence so that I get the results I want. If God made us to be governed by our emotions, then how can we be wrong? It’s what He programmed us to be—right? Wrong (Rom. 3:23)!

The Bible says, in Isaiah 5:20, “*Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter.*” God gave us emotions, not to control us, but as a gift. Let us not abuse that gift by making them an excuse for sin and holding God responsible for our wickedness.

George McNulty (Gospel Gazette Online, July 2020, p. 15)

Television

In Search of the Lord’s Way (Phil Sanders)

Sunday @ 7:30am on KTAB

Life In The Light (Chris McCurley)

Sunday @ 10:00am on KTAB

Radio

Preaching the Word (Michael Light)

Sunday @ 9:00am on KOXE 101.3

Internet

TheGospelRadioNetwork.org
Gospel Broadcasting Network (Gbnv.org)

God’s Plan for Redeeming Man

Hear Learn the saving message of Christ’s sacrifice (1 Cor. 1:18; Rom. 10:17).

Believe Jesus is the Son of God (John 8:24)

Confess Jesus as your Lord, Lawgiver, and King (Rom. 10:9-10; Matt. 10:32-33)

Repent of your sinful conduct (Luke 13:3,5)
Complete your initial obedience to the gospel by being **baptized** for the forgiveness of your sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16)

Live faithfully (Rev. 2:10; 2 Tim. 4:7-8)

Bible Reading Schedule

video.wvbs.org/access/interactive-bible-reading-plan/

July 12 Joshua 1—3; Psalm 11 (video)
July 13 Joshua 4—6; Psalm 12 (video)
July 14 Joshua 7—9; Psalm 13
July 15 Joshua 10—12; Psalm 14
July 16 Joshua 13—15; Psalm 15
July 17 Joshua 16—18; Psalm 16
July 18 Joshua 19—21; Psalm 17
July 19 Joshua 1—3; Psalm 18 (video)

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

(2 Timothy 2:15)



Visitation Meeting

- ◆ Last week **28** contacts were made.

Announcements

- ◆ **Senior Camp is this week.** Please remember the campers and staff in your prayers. **John and Ian Barnum**, and **Aaron Smith** will be there. It's going to be hot! (There will not be an SYS this week.)
- ◆ We are moving our **Summer Youth Series (7/28)** from the building to **Festival Park** (by Gordon Wood Stadium). This will allow us to be in the fresh air and give us more room to social distance. Due to COVID-19 concerns, we are going with prepackaged foods rather than signing up to bring items (still fresh grilled hamburgers). If you would like to help with the cost, just put a little extra in the collection plate.
- ◆ If you are visiting with us, welcome! Please fill out the "visitor" side of an attendance card on the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the collection plate.

Upcoming Special Events at 4th & Stewart

- ◆ October 11-14—Fall Gospel Meeting w/ Denny Wilson

Other Upcoming Opportunities to Learn and Grow

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Satan Does Not Always Look Like Himself

Paul dealt with false teachers who were trying to turn the Corinthians against him. He said the false teachers were deceitful workers transforming themselves into apostles of Christ (2 Cor. 11:13). The false teachers are similar to Satan who transforms himself into an angel of light (2 Cor. 11:14). The Corinthians were not to mistakenly think that everyone who claimed to love God and the Gospel told the truth. Some claiming to be ambassadors of Jesus were teaching another gospel (Gal. 1:6-10). When most people think about Satan, they think about a red suit, horns and a pitchfork. The Bible says he will not come in a costume that will easily identify him. The truth is, **Satan will probably come to us with a Bible verse on his lips and a hymn in his heart.** We should not be fooled but test everything and hold on to what is good (1 Thess. 5:21). We should be sure to examine everything people teach us by what we find in Scripture, so that we are not deceived (1 John 4:1). Many have been led astray and misled because they could not see through the disguise of the evil one. Though Satan tries to mask his appearance, he cannot mask his fruit. Jesus assured us that people could be known by the fruit that they bear (Matt. 7:15-20). **Realize that Satan does not always look like Satan, but he is still Satan!**

Satan Harasses Christians

Though Satan is not everywhere and does not know everything, he does try to harass Christians. Paul said a messenger of Satan was sent to buffet (KJV), harass (ESV) or torment (NASB) him (2 Cor. 12:7). He does this in various ways and through various people taken captive by him (2 Tim. 2:26). Satan can harass us, but he cannot harm us (1 John 5:18). God protects Christians, and His grace is sufficient (2 Cor. 12:9-10). Though we must temporarily deal with Satan on earth, his time is running out. Satan knows that he has a short time (Rev. 12:12).

Christians have overcome him in the past, and we can do so today as well (Rev. 12:11). When we finally overcome, we will dwell with God forever. Satan will be tormented day and night forever (Rev. 20:10).

Hiram Kemp (Gospel Gazette Online, July 2020, p. 5)

Celebrate

"Rejoice with those who rejoice..." (Romans 12:15)

July Birthdays: Laura Huckaby (6), Jason Warman (6), Chase Churchwell (11), **Cindy Fuller (12)**, John Barnum (26), Jack Hill (26), Jaye Dennard (27).

July Anniversaries: John & Tammie Ross (1).

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Johnny know...



Records

	June 28, 2020	July 5, 2020
Bible Class	43	43
AM Worship	51 + [9]	48 + [3]
PM Worship	39 + [6]	35 + [7]
Wednesday PM	35	35
Contribution	\$1,575	\$1,718

Privileged To Serve

"...be ready to every good work," (Titus 3:1)

	This Week: 7/12/20	Next Week: 7/19/20		
Sunday AM:	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	<p align="center">July 2020 Make Announcements: Ken Maninger Prepare Communion: Mike & Patti Bannister Clean Building: Mike & Patti Bannister</p> <p align="center">August 2020 Make Announcements: John Barnum Prepare Communion: Maninger Family Clean Building: Randy & Laura Huckaby</p>	
Greeters	—	—		
Opening Prayer	John Barnum	Ken Maninger		
Communion	James Fuller*, Vernon Zier Don Smith, Ryan Rudloff	John Barnum*, Dex Dennard Randy Huckaby, Rafe Smith		
Closing Prayer	Chase Churchwell	James Fuller		
Attendance Cards	—	—		
Sunday PM:	Song Leader: Ken Maninger	Song Leader: Tom Wilcox		
Opening Prayer	Randy Huckaby	Don Smith		
Scripture Reading	Tom Wilcox	Chase Churchwell		
Communion	James Fuller	John Barnum		
Closing Prayer	Mike Bannister	Ryan Rudloff		
Wednesday Devotionals:	July 15 Rafe Smith	July 22 Don Smith	July 29 5 th Wednesday Video	August 5 Prayer Night

Search the Scriptures

Be like the Bereans who "received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." (Acts 17:11)

Studies for the week of July 12, 2020

Sunday Class *1 Corinthians 11:1*
 Wed. Class *Exodus 17:8*

<u>Qualifications of Elders:</u> <i>"Temperate, Sober-Minded, of Good Behavior, Hospitable"</i>	<u>Christ's Life Prior to His Ministry: Introductions</u> (Luke 1:1-4; John 1:1-18)
<p>I. An Elder must be <i>Temperate</i> [vigilant, sober-minded, sensible] (1 Tim. 3:2).</p> <p>A. Each elder must have proper control of his own manner of life. (An <i>intemperate</i> man would fail in seeking to bring out <i>temperance</i> in others.)</p> <p>B. What does "temperate" mean?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "...denotes exercising self-control" (Vine). 2. "...mastering, controlling, curbing, restraining ... controlling one's self" (Thayer). <p>C. "<i>Vigilant</i>" (KJV) means "ever watchful."</p> <p>II. An elder must be <i>Sober-Minded</i> [self-controlled, sober, prudent, sensible] (1 Tim. 3:2; Tit. 1:8).</p> <p>A. What is "sober-minded"?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Greek word here is very similar to the word translated "<i>temperate</i>." 2. "...denotes of sound mind; hence, self-controlled" (Vine). 3. It does not mean "is not a drunk." 4. It to be serious. 5. Someone who does not let outside influences cloud his judgment. <p>B. How can you tell if a man is sober-minded?</p> <p>C. Why should an elder be sober-minded?</p> <p>III. An Elder must be of <i>Good Behavior</i> [respectable, orderly] (1 Tim. 3:2).</p> <p>A. What is "<i>of good behavior</i>"? It means to be polite and modest in conduct.</p> <p>B. How can you tell if a man is "<i>of good behavior</i>"?</p> <p>C. Why should an elder be "<i>of good behavior</i>"?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It will help convert others to Christ. 2. It will help keep unity in the congregation. 3. It will help the members to be better people. <p>IV. An Elder Must be <i>Hospitable</i> [given to hospitality, a lover of hospitality] (1 Tim. 3:2; Tit. 1:8).</p> <p>A. What is hospitality?</p> <p>B. How can you tell a man is hospitable?</p> <p>C. Why should an elder be hospitable?</p> <p>D. What does it mean "given" (KJV/ASV) to hospitality?</p> <p>All the qualifications we have looked at today are commanded for all Christians.</p>	<p>I. Preface and Dedication (Lk. 1:1-4).</p> <p>A. Luke alone states his <i>purpose</i> in an introductory paragraph (sentence).</p> <p>B. His purpose: to help Theophilus (and us) know "<i>the certainty</i>" about Jesus.</p> <p>C. Here are the highlights of Luke's introduction.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "<i>Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to set in order a narrative of those things which have been fulfilled among us</i>" (1). 2. "... just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word delivered them to us, ..." (2). 3. "... it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things ..." (3). 4. "... from the very first ..." (4). 5. "... to write to you an orderly account ..." (5). 6. "... most excellent Theophilus, ..." (6). 7. "... that you may know the certainty of those things in which you were instructed" (7). <p>II. John's Introduction (Jn. 1:1-18).</p> <p>A. John wants his readers to know that Jesus existed long before that event.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. He existed before the creation of the world – He is, in fact, God (1). 2. He is one of the three divine Personalities who comprise the "<i>Godhead</i>." 3. He existed before he was "Jesus" or "the Christ." <p>B. Jesus was the <i>Logos</i> – "<i>the Word</i>" – prior to His earthly existence.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The word <i>Logos</i> was thick with meaning for both Greek philosophers and Hebrew theologians. 2. John was the only NT writer to use <i>Logos</i> to refer to Christ. <p>C. Christ came to this earth as the Word of God personified (v. 18).</p> <p>D. The most thought-provoking part of John's introduction is v. 14: <i>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us</i> ...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We call this "the incarnation" – meaning "to make [as] flesh". 2. "...and we beheld His glory" – actually seeing with the human eye. 3. The classic Bible statement regarding the Incarnation is Philippians 2:5-8. 4. Hebrews 2:17-18. <p>E. John had more to say in his introduction; however, his main focus is on the reality of Christ's <i>preexistence</i>.</p>