

11. Jesus came into the world in order to

a) take away sins

b) destroy the works of the devil

- having sinned from the beginning, he will work to deceive the church about
 - living in or practicing sin
 - righteousness as proof of salvation
 - sinning as proof of a child of the devil
- he will deny that salvation and Jesus' death on the cross change a person

(1 John 3:5-10; 2 Cor 5:17)

12. The death of Jesus changed everything for Satan as well. At the cross

a) he was rendered powerless

2673 καταργέω katargeo

= to render idle, unemployed, inactive, inoperative, useless

= to cause to have no further efficiency

→ believers are set free from slavery to sin and the fear of death

(Heb 2:14-15; Rom 8:15)

b) he was cast out

1544 ἐκβάλλω ekballo

= to throw out, drive out, to expel

= to cause a significant change of state by a decisive action

= to be deprived of the power and influence he exercises in the world

(John 12:31-33)

c) he and the rulers and authorities were disarmed

554 ἀπεκδύομαι apekduomai

= to wholly put off from one's self

= to take off, to strip off clothing

= to divest oneself of for one's advantage

→ the devil was stripped of his power and authority

d) God, having triumphed over them in Jesus, made a display and spectacle of them

→ Jesus' death and resurrection were a public demonstration of Satan's defeat

(Col 2:13-15)

13. The Most High God does according to His will among all humankind and among all the angelic beings, both holy and fallen

(Dan 4:34b-35)

14. Satan may only do what God first gives him permission to do; God sets the devil's limits

(Job 1 & 2; Luke 22:31-32)

15. In spite of all these limitations, Satan is a formidable foe. The church cannot wage an effective warfare against him in her own strength

16. Satan is a ruler, an "angelic majesty"

We are NOT to:

a) revile him

987 βλασφημέω blasphemeo

= to speak reproachfully

= to rail at, to curse

b) pronounce railing judgments against him

c) rebuke him

2008 ἐπιτιμάω epitimao

= to admonish or charge sharply

= to denounce

= to give a warning implying a threat

- not even the archangel Michael dared to rebuke the devil, but said

"The Lord rebuke you"

(Eph 6:12; Jude 8-10; 2 Peter 2:10-12)

d) bind and/or loose him or the demons

- the church does not have authority to bind or loose angels; only God can do it

(2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6; Rev 9:14-15)