

JESUS DEFEATS THE DEVIL

Int.

1. Aim: To show several things Jesus accomplished in defeating the works of the devil.
2. I John 3:8 **"He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."**
 - a. The purpose for which Christ appeared in this world was to destroy the works of the devil
 - b. Destroy - literally, to weaken, deprive of power, abolish in principle - bring to naught - dissolve - put off
 - c. Works of the devil = includes his plans, purposes, designs, schemes, aims and ends - - he wants to have control over the hearts of men. - 1 Pet. 5:8
 - d. Jesus came to defeat the Devil in his purpose.
3. By defeating the Devil Jesus becomes our Saviour
 - a. Lk 2:11 **"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."**
 - b. Matt. 1:21 **"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."**
4. Notice these 5 Ways in which Jesus defeats the devil

His Birth.

His baptism

His Miracles

His Death

His Resurrection

Discussion

I. JESUS BIRTH - destroyed a false concept of sin

A. Total depravity -

1. It is commonly held that all men inherit the sinful nature of Adam
2. They suppose that sin comes from the flesh
3. One of doctrines of devil - 1 Tim. 4:1 **"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;"**

B. Jesus proves that doctrine is false

1. Jesus possessed a fleshly body and was without sin - Heb. 4:15
2. Jesus did not inherit Adam's sin, though he had a fleshly body. Therefore sin does not come from the flesh
3. Sin is not inherited ! Sin is the result of practice, not birth
 - a. Ezek 18:20 **"The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him."**
 - b. 1 Jn. 3:4 **"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law."**
4. Since Jesus was made like we are and he was born without sin, we are born without sin.

II. JESUS BAPTISM DESTROYS THE FEAR OF SIN, FOR IT HONORED GOD'S REMEDY

- A. Jesus was baptized even though he had no sin
 - 1. Matt. 3:13-17 Mk. 1:4-5 Acts 19:4-5
 - 2. Jesus showed his respect for God's commandments of baptism by submitting to it.
- B. Baptism was required after his ascension
 - 1. The apostles preached "repent and be baptized every one you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" Acts 2:38
 - 2. Lk. 7:29-30 some of the Pharisees did not submit to baptism
 - 3. Those who have that same spirit will refuse baptism today
 - 4. Jesus example and command will break the Devil's hold on a person in sin
 - 5. Because we can overcome Satan by obedience to the Gospel - Mk. 16:15-16

III. JESUS' MIRACLES DESTROYED THE IDEA THAT SATAN IS MORE POWERFUL THAN GOD

- A. Jesus performed miracles to show that he could:
 - 1. Forgive sin - Mt. 9:1-8 - the man with Palsy
 - 2. Control the weather - Mt. 8:23-27 calmed the sea
 - 3. Control sowing and reaping - Mt. 4:15-21 15:32-39 - 7 loaves and fishes
 - 4. Overcome natural laws - Matt. 14:22-33 = walking on water
 - 5. Overcome demons, death and disease - Mat. 8 & 9
- B. These showed him to be God - John 10:30 - which no apostle ever claimed **"I and [my] Father are one."**

- C. The devil was not as powerful
1. There were some miraculous things that the Devil could do
 2. But in every case the miraculous power of God overcame it.
 3. God today does not allow his servants miraculous power, therefore the devil does not have such powers

IV. JESUS' DEATH DESTROYED THE DEVIL'S APPEAL TO PRIDE

- A. Jesus died for other's sins - Heb. 2:9
1. This proved that men are sinners
 2. This destroys the devil's appeal to pride
 3. No one but Jesus can claim sinless perfection - 1 Jn. 1:8-10
 4. Man does not have any room to boast about his great ability to live above sin
- B. Jesus had to die for us
1. It was not vice versa - that we died for Jesus
 2. All who sin need a Saviour, and we all are in this need
 3. When we recognize this need it is humbling - thus destroying all pride

V. JESUS' RESURRECTION BROKE THE DEVIL'S HOLD OVER THE FEAR OF DEATH

- A. Jesus arose from the grave
1. If death were the end then we should "eat, and drink; for tomorrow we die." 1 Cor. 15:32 **"If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantageth it me, if the dead rise not? let us eat and drink; for to morrow we die."**

2. Those who do not believe in life beyond the grave are usually very immoral -
 - a. 2 Pet. 3:11-14
 - b. Eph. 5:1-8
 3. Men have always been fearful of death and what happens after death
- B. But the resurrection of Jesus broke that spell of fear
1. We know that he lived after death
 2. 1 Cor. 15:20-24
 3. 1 Cor. 15:54-57
 4. Heb. 2:14 **"Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;"**

Conclusion

1. Jesus came to defeat the Devil
2. There is no hold that the Devil could have over any of us, but that obedience to Jesus Christ would destroy it.
3. Resist the Devil - Jas. 4:7 **"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."**
4. Serve the Lord - in doing this we will defeat the Devil
 - a. Rom. 14:18 **"For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men."**
 - b. Jn. 12:26 **"If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will [my] Father honour."**

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