

1: Satan Attacks the Church with Death - but Christ Overcame Death and we have His Life

Busyness. Satan loves to distract church goers with a plethora of activity that produces little results in Kingdom-building. Lies. Satan attempts to interject what he calls a "half-truth"; just a hint of false doctrine and then watch it disrupt or divide a body.

Ken Matto Zec 3: What do we do when Satan attacks us? How are we to respond? Not is it only a time for response, it is always a time to evaluate. Satan will not give up on harassing a child of God. This article is being written after evaluating two circumstances which cropped up in my life in the past. In August of I was furiously reviled by members of a Dominion Theology cult. Tragically there are too many volunteers for this kind of work in the household of faith. As we continue to live in the last of the last days, these things are going to become more evident as the return of the Lord Jesus grows ever nearer. The organized church is destroying itself with the allowance of false doctrines and teachings and those who bring the true gospel to these churches will be silenced or escorted out which is the spiritual meaning of being put to death. Those who orchestrate the killing of the believers will be those right in the pews. Normally it is the church leaders themselves who destroy the church since most church leaders are extremely biblically ignorant. We ask how things have gotten so out of hand. There is a passage in Thessalonians which gives us insight into why things have degenerated in the organized church. The word "letteth" here is an old English word which means restrains. That is also the meaning of the word from the Greek. This means down through the ages the Holy Spirit has been restraining the evils of sin but there is going to come a time when the Holy Spirit is going to take His restraining hand off both the world and the church and this is being done to set the world and the visible church for judgment. Keep in mind that the true believer, which is the true church, has already been judged in Christ and will never stand for their sins. This is happening in our day as never before. Did you ever hear of a woman preacher in a mainline denomination? Did you ever hear of a sodomite being ordained? Did you ever hear of same sex marriages? Did you ever hear of large charismatic churches with their accompanying signs and wonders? Did you ever hear the miracles of Christ being refuted? Sin is running rampant in the churches and is only escalating, not abating. So when the attacks of Satan come, what are we to do. Here is an overriding verse which tells us basically how to endure the attacks of Satan. We need to remain patient when satanic adversity comes our way since it is God who is allowing these things to happen and for some good reasons. Let me also say at this point that those who are willingly used of Satan, whether saved or unsaved, who try and destroy others or a true ministry will pay the consequences for their actions. This principle is amply laid out in Scripture. Here is Paul telling us of a coppersmith who did something wrong to Paul and he is saying that the Lord will reward him according to his works. The word "according" is an important word because it signifies the fact that in the manner and severity a person doles out an attack, God will reward them according to their inclemency. There are always consequences to wrong actions but there are always results for good actions. He who has ears to hear! Ultimately the final vengeance of God will come on judgment day against all the ungodly but this verse is right in the context of dealing with people right here on earth. So what do I do in the midst of a satanic attack? Realize Attacks will Come 1 Pet 4: Notice what the verse says, the fiery trial will "try" you. The word "try" is the word for trial. Every time we go through a satanic attack, it is to put our faith in God through a trial. It is to check our spiritual barometer. That suffering comes in both physical and emotional ways. Satan cannot attack our spirit so he attacks the flesh in hopes to ignite our emotions so they will override our spiritual sobriety. If we mentally prepare ourselves that a satanic attack is imminent, we will be prepared for the onslaught and realize that Satan is just doing his job in trying to get me to disbelieve and distrust God. When we are spiritually adept at identifying a satanic attack, it can be endured with inward joy rather than despair. Satan is Persistent Job 2: Another insight we can gain from Scripture, is that Satan is persistent and will not give up until God sees that the result of the test is successful. You may have to endure a test of some length of time before the desired result may be achieved. Sometimes the result God seeks in your life might just be an outward testimony to others of the keeping power of God through hostile circumstances. Sometimes it will seem that right around every corner there is another satanic hindrance to your Christian

walk. This need not cause us to walk crookedly in our walk. Here is a verse which should be precious to every true Christian. If you notice the language here the results of the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ will bring stability to every believer. This verse is quoted by John the Baptist in Luke 3: When Satan comes along with a new theology or some new interpretation from Scripture, that is when a person becomes very unstable in their Christian walk. They run from theology to theology to try and appease their view and then begin to exude evil characteristics such as believe our way or you are going to hell. This is how a cult starts and even cultic characteristics which are prevalent in many churches. Someone comes up with a new theology and immediately, the mountains rise again and the valleys go low again and spiritual instability is thrown into the picture. However, when a person is walking in truth, all the new theology in the world will not move them off the straightened path and this is when the satanic attacks will come. We live in an age when there will be a plethora of aberrant beliefs but if a person stands on truth, they will not move or be moved. Each true Christian will face many new belief systems in their life but the key to evaluating them is not through creeds, conjecture, commentaries, catechisms, and confessions but how do they match up with Scripture. The Bible is the final authority, not what some theologian says. Satanic Attacks will come when you are the most Vulnerable Mat A few months before I wrote this article I was tossed out of my church because I refused to embrace the charismatic movement which came into that church. It was a few weeks later when a Christian Reconstructionist cult church began to attack me and one of the ludicrous attacks which was leveled against me was that I refused to submit to any elders and that I was not a member of any church. The person who made that accusation knew the reason why I was tossed out of my church but he avoided truth and made up lies to strengthen his case. Even one of the elders of this cult church e-mailed me and asked me who do I submit to and who are my elders? Now if I did not know my position in Christ and was not resting in Calvary, I could have just succumbed to the satanic attack and gave up. I did not include this vignette to glorify myself but as a testimony to the keeping power of God of His saints under satanic adversity. If you stand on Scripture and rest in Calvary, you will never be moved. When the Bible speaks of the right hand, it normally has in view power. So in the above verse, we see that the Lord is at my right hand which means He is my power and strength to overcome anything in this life, even the never ending streams of satanic attacks. Believe me, satanic attacks are a burden and can deplete your strength and this is why God wants us to cast that burden on Him since He knows our strength is inadequate for the job of fighting Satan and even his people. Keeping these three principles in mind that Satan will attack, he is persistent, and he will attack when we are most vulnerable. Let us now move on to the next section on how to respond to satanic attack. Every believer will face this in their life and it is a good time to prepare when the waters are still calm. The only way to respond to satanic attack is to prepare in two ways: Once our minds begin to think on the line of preparation as a soldier prepares, we will fare better in the battle. The soldier prepares for war in peace time but when war comes, he is ready for the battle because he is trained in the art of warfare. When satanic attacks come, always remember it is spiritual warfare. It is the kingdom of Satan coming against the Kingdom of God. Whenever Satan attacks he is attempting to get you to neutralize your testimony by succumbing to the attack and responding to the attack in an unchristian like manner. Believe me, this has happened to me numerous times. I have gotten caught up into the "fight" mindset and have almost lost my testimony on many occasions. I grew up on the streets and fighting back is the only way to survive on the streets, whether verbally or physically. If Satan can draw you into one of his battles, it could ruin your testimony temporarily or permanently. So how then do I respond when Satan attacks? Respond with Truth 2 Cor If you have been falsely accused of something, respond confidently with truth. Truth is a continuum in that truth can never be anything but truth. There is no such a thing as a half truth. Truth is truth, and if you have been attacked with lies, be sure the truth will surface, it may take some time or it may be soon. Never try to embellish the truth with anything since truth stands on its own. Remember, to respond with truth not revile with truth. The Lord rewards evil works 2 Tim 4: This is why we need not worry about mounting a counter attack against someone who comes against us. We previously looked at this verse but I want to point out a serious detail which should cause anyone to tremble before they decide to attack someone. In this verse we see the Apostle Paul said that this coppersmith did him much evil and that he would be rewarded according to those deeds. The word I want to focus in on is

"according.

2: How Healthy Churches Resist The Devil (1 Peter) | www.enganchecubano.com

Satan attacks the church that is faithfully serving Christ! Satan reserves his greatest fury for the church that is faithful in representing Christ to the world and declares the Gospel of salvation! All the attacks you mentioned are certainly those we invite upon ourselves through carelessness.

I have received nothing but hate mail, ridicule, name calling and threats with death and Hell, and this is not from the secular population or atheists. This has come from people who consider themselves part of the Body of Christ. This is exactly what Satan wants. You have to go back to the beginning. He is offering the so called church today fruit just as he did Eve, and they are taking it, and gobbling it up! Take the Exodus for example. How long did Israel wait for deliverance from Egypt? Some of them were swallowed up by land, some were stricken, and all for purification. God wanted to purify them of the world they just came from. And we are no different. If God put Israel through the fire numerous times for purification do you honestly think he will not put us through the fire with the tribulation? For if God did not even spare the angels. This is especially true of those who follow the corrupt desire of the flesh and despise authority. The Books of the Old Testament are more than just stories, they are more than just stories about Israel. God is warning us through His word. We are killing the prophets. Again John warns us about this: But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets. I am not going to be a part of the twisting of scripture. I will continue to warn for you to prepare, even the Bible tells us this, Paul and Peter both continue to warn about being prepared, for you will not know when our Lord is returning. Yet that is what they are preaching. Satan is infiltrating the gospel just as he did in the old days with Israel. Satan is the father of lies, the father of murder, the father of confusion! And he just loves what the Body of Christ is doing today. Meanwhile we were warned in Revelation what Jesus thinks of the Church. The new age movement started there and so did the Charismatic movement. Fundamental to the movement is the use of spiritual gifts. Among Protestants , the movement began around 1960. Among Roman Catholics , it originated around 1930. This movement splintered the church. As some wished to stay within their own denominations, others branched out and started new churches. The New Life movement began and churches even mega churches sprang up overnight. With no history behind them they began to form their own church doctrines, and rules of worship. The New Age Movement gave people an alternative to a fear of God, it brought science together with spirituality and a guarantee of paradise for all. This was a grand design from Satan from the beginning. It is defined this way, from wikipedia: The atonement reconciliation with God is interpreted to include the alleviation of sickness and poverty, which are viewed as curses to be broken by faith. This is believed to be achieved through visualization and positive confession, and is often taught in mechanical and contractual terms. In the 1970s and 80s, it was adopted by influential leaders in the Charismatic Movement and promoted by Christian missionaries throughout the world, sometimes leading to the establishment of mega-churches. Prominent leaders in the development of prosperity theology include E. Kenyon , Oral Roberts , A. Allen , Robert Tilton , T. Churches in which the prosperity gospel is taught are often non-denominational and usually directed by a sole pastor or leader, although some have developed multi-church networks that bear similarities to denominations. Such churches typically set aside extended time to teach about giving and request donations from the congregation, encouraging positive speech and faith. Not empowerment from God! And you think there is no reason to believe that God will have to purify his church as he did the Israelites when delivered from Egypt?! Think whatever you want, but we must prepare for the tribulation. Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne. Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. There are not 2 comings of Christ! When he returns what will He find you doing?

3: sermons- The Devil in the Church - Ephesians 6

Satan's attacks consist not only of stumbling the believers to sin or love the world, but even more he attacks the church with death. It may be very obvious that Satan attacks the church with sin, the world, the flesh, and the self, but the attack of death is very subtle.

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against the work of Christ, and thousands of gullible folks have fallen hook, line and sinker for the bait. The songwriter has said:

4: 12 Ways Satan May Try to Destroy You, Pastor

(PHOTO: YOUTUBE) Pastor Jimmy Evans is the Senior Pastor of Gateway Church in Southlake, Texas and the founder of MarriageToday. When Satan attacks a Christian, he begins with the mind, instilling fear, doubt, anger, and frustration and convincing them they're unworthy of God's love, Pastor Jimmy Evans, senior pastor of Gateway Church in Southlake, Texas, argued.

I concentrate my attention on Jesus and encouraging others to follow Jesusâ€”and not to focus on the defeated one. We are to keep "our eyes on Jesus, the source and perfecter of our faith. The gates of hell shall never overcome what God started. Get Spirit-filled content delivered right to your inbox! [Click here to subscribe to our newsletter.](#) Here are seven ways Satan tries to destroy a church: Satan loves business meetings that get out of hand or when two church members have disagreements inside or outside of church. He loves when church members argue about trivial things, such as colors of the carpet or big things, such as whether to add another service. Staff or volunteer burnout. Satan loves to burn out a church volunteer, staff member, or pastor. He loves to spread the lies of discouragement and unworthiness. Satan is the stirrer of dissension. He likes to plant little seeds of a juicy story, about someone in the church or communityâ€”sometimes even the pastor or staffâ€”and watch them quickly spread. The version, of course, usually grows to a larger portion than reality. Satan likes this too. He loves programs, activities, full calendarsâ€”if they keep people busy in the church, so they never have time to share the gospel outside the church. And, he has been known to guilt people into staying busy, so they never rest and eventually burnoutâ€”then fallout altogether. Satan attempts to interject what is often called a "half-truth"â€”just a hint of false doctrineâ€”and then watch it disrupt or divide a body. Of course, we all know half-truth is really just a cleaned up version of a bold-faced lie, but Satan is clever enough to disguise a lie in a way where false teachers gain entry and do damage before being discovered. If it will split, divide or destroy a church bodyâ€”even better. Marriage and family disruptions. He likes to encourage prodigal childrenâ€”to never return home. He wants to cause families to fight within the church and fight with the church. Satan knows if he can destroy a home, he has a better chance of destroying a church. Thankfully, there is good news: What other ways have you seen Satan try to destroy a church?

5: 20 Ways Satan May Seek to Destroy You | Counseling One Another

How Satan Attacks The Church www.enganchecubano.com attacks the people of God. He always has (Revelation). The church is the institution of God on the earth to.

September 21, by aGodMan Leave a Comment Satan attacks the church not only with teachings and division but also with death; the attack upon the church comes from the gates of Hades, but the Lord Jesus has overcome death! When Christ came on earth, He said He came that we may have life and may have it abundantly – He came that we may receive the divine life, be raised up from death, be filled with His life, and have His life abundantly. But Satan through his temptation of Eve and the fall of man has brought all creation under the slavery of death and in fear of death. We were born as living human beings but in spiritual death, and after we receive the Lord as our life, we have the life that is really life. He wants to bring in death in our being, in our family life, in our church life, at work, at school, and everywhere we are. Wave upon wave of death attacks the church, but death will not prevail against the builded church Matt. Death cannot prevail against the church not because the believers are strong in themselves or because they are such good people, but because Christ as resurrection life is in the church, and He infuses His life into all His members, He lives this life out of the saints, and death is simply swallowed up and terminated. In the church life we need to learn how to discern the attack of death. Satan attacks the church with death, but praise the Lord, we have Christ in us, and He has already overcome death – He entered into death, He tasted death on behalf of everything and everyone, He defeated death, He took the keys of death, and He rendered death powerless. Yes, the enemy will attack the church with all his might, and he will try his best to infuse death into the church, but Hallelujah, Christ as resurrection life is in us, He is our life, we can enjoy Him and experience Him, we can minister Him to others, and we can live Christ so that this life would also be manifested for the destruction and elimination of death. Only life can overcome death. Death is much more powerful than we are, but the One who has overcome death, who became dead and is now living again, this One lives in us to overcome death, repel death, swallow up any death, and bring in life, the divine, uncreated, resurrection life of Christ. It may be very obvious that Satan attacks the church with sin, the world, the flesh, and the self, but the attack of death is very subtle. The ultimate weapon used by Satan to attack the church is death. Satan uses moral, ethical, and refined things to bring death into the church, utilising these seemingly good and positive things to attack the church with death. What the church needs is not more teachings, doctrines, good theologies, or wonderful expositions. What the church needs is more of the life of Christ, the life that has already overcome death, the resurrection life. Only the life of Christ and that which issues from it will prevail against the gates of Hades which attack the church subtly, repeatedly, and consistently. Many good things in the church, even many good practices, can be used by Satan to attack the church with death. May the Lord have mercy on us that we may be kept from touching death and from bringing death into the church. May we seek to be filled with life and minister life so that Satan would be subdued and death would be eliminated. Christ is the resurrection and the life John We as the church are His body, the vessel to contain and express His resurrection life. God intends for the church to manifest and express the resurrection life of Christ, so that anything of death would be removed and swallowed up, and the corporate expression of Christ would come into being. Christ came that we may have life and may have it abundantly John We should stop trying to discern things in the church life according to right and wrong, for both of these issue in death. We need to be tree of life persons, those who discern things by life and death. Especially when there is turmoil and tough situations, when this one says this and that one says that – and they both seem to be right, we need to remain in the enjoyment of Christ as life and stay with those who minister life for the building up of the church. We need to have more experiences of the resurrection life, for only this life counteracts and overcomes death. In ourselves we cannot overcome death, because Satan has injected death into us, and we have death in our very being. But praise the Lord, the only One who can overcome death is the Lord Jesus Christ, who has overcome death and brought the resurrection life into us see Rom. He has overcome death, and He lives in us to overcome any form of death. Lord Jesus, we give ourselves to You to remain in life, enjoy and experience Your resurrection life, and be filled with life.

Cause us to see that Satan attacks the church with death, and fill us with anti-death, the resurrection life. Save us from trying to discern things according to right or wrong, good or evil. Christ Tasted Death on Behalf of Everything so that He may Reconcile All things to Himself Jesus Christ is the only human being that ever lived, died, resurrected, and now lives again; He was made a little inferior to the angels because of suffering of death, and He tasted death on behalf of everything Heb. We may know that the Lord Jesus died for us, the sinners, but the Bible says that He tasted death on behalf of everything. Death operates in every living thing as soon as that living thing starts its life on earth. Even in us, human beings, death operates in us, and we cannot overcome it. Man lives in fear of death as much as some think they are not afraid of death, once they are confronted with it, they realize how powerless they are, and death rules. But the Lord Jesus Christ came; He is God who became a man, being made a little inferior to the angels because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God He might taste death on behalf of everything. This means that Christ died not just for us, sinners, but for everything; He tasted death not only for us, human beings, but on behalf of everything, every creature. This is so that God would reconcile not us, men, to God, but that all things may be reconciled to God through Jesus Christ. The ark is a type of Christ who passed through the death waters and came out in resurrection. Christ tasted death on behalf of everything so that all things might be reconciled to God. Hallelujah, in all things we are to be reconciled to God through the death of Jesus Christ! His death is an all-terminating death â€” He terminated and destroyed the devil and even death itself through His death! Thank You Lord for being made a little inferior to the angels in the suffering of death so that by the grace of God You might taste death on behalf of everything. Praise the Lord for the all-terminating death of Christ! Through His death Satan was destroyed, the world was judged, and even death itself was terminated â€” rendered of none effect! Praise You Lord Jesus for Your death on the cross! References and Hymns on this Topic Inspiration: Hymns on this topic: I love the Lord Jesus, His Word, the ministry of the age, and the saints. My personal website is StefanMisaras.

6: When Satan Attacks | Revelation: A Day Devotional | NewSpring Church

The more we as a church have worked together to serve the Lord, the more Satan has been working to discourage us in our walk. Despite these obvious attacks, I have been encouraged by the fact that even though Satan is trying to separate us, we have pulled closer to God and are refusing to let him win.

Your adversary the Devil is prowling around like a roaring lion, looking for anyone he can devour. I concentrate my attention on Jesus and encouraging others to follow Jesus “ and not to focus on the defeated one. The gates of hell shall never overcome what God started. Here are 7 way Satan tries to destroy a church: Satan loves business meetings which get out of hand or when two church members have disagreements inside or outside of church. He loves when church members argue about trivial things, such as colors of the carpet or big things, such as whether to add another service. Staff or volunteer burnout. Satan loves to burn out a church volunteer, staff member, or pastor. He loves to spread the lies of discouragement and unworthiness. Satan is the stirrer of dissension. He likes to plant little seeds of a juicy story, about someone in the church or community “ sometimes even the pastor or staff “ and watch them quickly spread. The version, of course, usually grows to a larger portion than reality. Satan likes this too. He loves programs, activities, full calendars “ if they keep people busy in the church, so they never have time to share the Gospel outside the church. And, he has been known to guilt people into staying busy, so they never rest and eventually burnout “ then fallout altogether. Of course, we all know half-truth is really just a cleaned up version of a bold face lie, but Satan is clever enough to disguise a lie in a way where false teachers gain entry and do damage before being discovered. If it will split, divide or destroy a church body “ even better. He likes to encourage prodigal children “ to never return home. He wants to cause families to fight within the church and fight with the church. Satan knows if he can destroy a home, he has a better chance of destroying a church. Thankfully, there is good news: You are from God, little children, and you have conquered them, because the One who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. What other ways have you seen Satan try to destroy a church?

7: Satan's attack on church leadership | Patrick R. Briney, Ph.D.

As soon as we were born, Satan began his attacks to try to steal, kill and destroy us. The Bible says "he is filled with fury, because he knows his time is short (Revelation b)." The moment we choose to follow Jesus, we can be confident that with Jesus, we have the power to overcome Satan.

After reading that statement about the Church of Scotland I reluctantly have to believe that he is under the control of Satan himself. Some are very appreciative. Some are from people who have been stirred up to action. Some are questioning, angry, dismissive. Some point out the mistakes I make and enable me to correct either wrong information or change my attitude. Some cause me to repent. And some to weep. A few days ago I received the comment above that just made me depressed and stunned me into silence. My instinct was to respond, but I thought the post was so unedifying that to share it would be harmful. Not to enable you to have some voyeuristic pleasure, nor to seek sympathy, but simply to ask for the only worthwhile response possible – prayer. I have been lying awake trying to make some sense of that remark. But I am not quite so keen than he pronounces me an unregenerate tool of the devil! The irony of liberals complaining that an evangelical is not born again and is controlled by Satan is almost as amusing as it is pathetic! My opinion is that David Robertson fits very well with the Westboro model of evangelicalism rather than mainstream evangelicalism. How else can we excuse a man who is an ordained Minister in the Free Church of Scotland from attacking fellow Christians and actually stating in writing that the Church of Scotland all , members and congregations? That really is Westboro language. I am prepared to accept that Mr Hamilton-Messer does not understand what we mean when we talk about a church that is dying. It would indeed be horrific if I were calling for every member of the Church of Scotland to be killed. Lets hear what Jesus says to the Church in Sardis: Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God. When we talk about a church dying or deserving to die, we quite clearly do not mean that every single member of that church should be killed in some kind of Christian fatwa! We mean that it is spiritually dead or dying and that it needs renewal, revival and reformation from the Holy Spirit. Would the devil really be calling for that?! In terms of logic and the use of language to say that something deserves to die is not the same as wishing that it should die. After all the wages of sin is death and we are all sinners. Thankfully Jesus came to save us not to condemn us. But His Church will never die – the gates of Hell shall not prevail against her. But that does not mean that particular individual churches or denominations will not die. Indeed they have done so in the past and will do so in the future. The Church in Sardis has gone. The Church in North Africa largely disappeared. And the Church of Scotland is not guaranteed to continue. Nor the Free Church. We do not deserve to continue if we turn away from Christ and his Word. Inadvertently perhaps the good Reverend gives us some indication of why the Church of Scotland is dying: Being a minister of the Church Mr Hamilton-Messer should know that the membership is not , but , and falling at the rate of 20, per year. He should also be aware that a large percentage of that group is nominal. For example a few weeks ago I was speaking to a minister who said that in his town there is a church with around 2, members. When he visited the church the attendance was 20! It is literally dying. Another example of this fantasy view of the church came out this week. The C of S press department which makes Pravda look efficient and honest! You can read it here – [http:](http://) Given the demographic and the way things work that means the vast majority of the active worshipping congregation will be leaving with their minister. I think it is hard to find a better example of the delusional mind-set within the Kirk as it sleepwalks its way over the cliff. Unless of course you want to take the Tron in Glasgow as another example. When the congregation who left the denomination were refused permission to stay in the building it was announced by the Presbytery that they would be restarting an evangelical congregation within the Tron. How has that worked out? They are not a religious organisation but see themselves more a community group. They are often actively involved in all of our local communities, hospitals and schools. They do not attempt to persuade schools that they should not have Christian chaplains and in fact often work alongside them. There is a deep-seated hatred and hostility towards the church, because there is a deep-seated hatred and hostility towards God and his Good News. I personally have daily experience of this. They are

entitled to their view. Of course it may be that I have got this all wrong and that the people of Scotland are really followers of Jesus Christ who just recognise that I am under the control of the devil! Indeed my hearts desire is they would come to know Jesus and be given new life. Which brings me onto my third reason: Our God is big enough to stand against anyone but people seem happier to put their trust in human fears. The Church of Scotland? The Church and Society Council? I am concerned about what is happening outside the Church because I care for people and I know the harm that is done to a society when it turns away from the Lord. Secondly I have a greater concern about the poison within the Church. I know it makes Christ sick. He would prefer us to either hot or cold, rather than the lukewarmness that passes for so much Christianity. I have seen the devastating effect that the twin cancers of legalism and liberalism have upon the Church. I fear the Lion of Judah. If the Church of Scotland feared God, it would not be approving of things that God calls wrong. It would be speaking with a prophetic voice of the Lion of Judah, addressing the Word of God to our nation, not playing politics and releasing press releases with the power of a squeaking mouse. Even now as I write the Scottish Parliament has just passed legislation that will undermine the very foundation of our society, biblical marriage. Speaking of fear “ I admit to a great many fears. I fear myself and my own heart. My only hope is that Christ knows, forgives and guides. I fear the devil because I have experienced spiritual warfare. But Christ has overcome the principalities and powers. I fear death because it is the last enemy. But Christ has conquered death so that now the day of my death will be better than the day of birth! I just pray that God will enable me to live a life worthy of him. I know that when I often fail, he will forgive me because of Christ. I just hope and pray that my Christian brothers and sisters can exercise that same patience and forgiveness. Let me deal with one other common criticism that is made. Those who say this have no idea what I feel. The Word of God is divisive “ it always has been, and it always will be. But it also brings unity. When we unite around Christ and his Word there is a deep unity. I experience that within my own congregation. What unites us is that despite the fact we are all sinners who can really rub each other up the wrong way, we love Jesus and we listen to and seek to obey, his Word. We too have to be realistic about ourselves, our society and our God. I would quite happily see the Free Church die if it meant that many more people in Scotland became believers and a renewed church rose out of the ashes. I want again to stress how much I love my brothers and sisters in the Church of Scotland. After the last three blogs I received a number of responses from ministers, elders and members who are really hurting and who were grateful for someone speaking out. These were not just from the usual suspects, but also sometimes from surprising sources, ordinary Christians who are not part of any particular networks, but are just heartbroken at the rottenness they are now perceiving. One minister in his sixties wrote and expressed the view of many. He said if he were younger he would leave and join the Free Church, and start a new church plant in the Borders. Your perceptive sentiments were needed to be said, and please God will be a means of turning some hearts and minds to the Lord. Thank you very much. In my experience of the C of S, in the past 20 years or so, there is much bitterness, hatred. It was good to hear of at least one other Presbytery where my blog was read out and where people are acting upon it. And it is good that there are evangelicals who are speaking out, not just to show other evangelicals that they are doing so, but because they too fear and love the Lord. We are brothers and sisters working together “ whatever the denomination!

8: Satan Is Attacking The Church From Within – 'I Am NOT Ashamed of the Gospel of Christ!'

Look with me, would you, at Ephesians chapter 6. This morning again I'm not going to continue our series of Ephesians simply because we're going to take a little break the next few weeks and I don't.

Satan attacks the people of God. He always has Revelation The church is the institution of God on the earth to provide strength to Christians. Satan will tear down the church at every opportunity. Paul urged Timothy to suffer hardship as a good soldier of Christ 2 Timothy 2: If we are to be victorious, we must not be ignorant of his schemes 2 Corinthians 2: He keeps them away from the truth and the church 2 Corinthians 4: Liberalism, the cults, world religions, and humanism are a constant menace. The leaders of those movements, like their evil masters, can transform themselves into angels of light 2 Corinthians The doctrines taught in the name of biblical truth are sometimes frightening Acts The church faces a constant barrage of error, all of it ultimately spawned by Satan 1 Timothy 4: We can defend ourselves against the assaults of the wicked one 2 Corinthians Jesus warned Peter of temptation Luke If he had succeeded, Peter would have been useless to God. Satan is the architect of temptation 1 Chronicles Satan attacks Christians, trying to destroy their faith and trust in God, thereby rendering them ineffective for the battle. We must resist temptations in the faith and be not like the seed that fell on the rock 1 Peter 5: God knows how to deliver saints out of temptation and can keep faithful saints from the hour of temptation 2 Peter 2: Modern challenges to the family are as deadly as they are real. Consider just a few examples: Atheism is the philosophy that there is no God. Relativism is a popular point of view which states that there is no such thing as absolute truth. Modernism, also known as theological liberalism, rejected the concept of authority in religion and stated that religious beliefs must pass the test of reason and experience. Postmodernism accepts all religions as true, provided that no one of them claims to be exclusively true. Universalism denies the reality of eternal punishment and postulates the eventual salvation of all. Materialism is an obsessive preoccupation with worldly possessions. To meet these challenges, we can serve God faithfully in our families. It may be a simple idea, but it is true. Serving God has always been the best way to stay strong spiritually and survive the attacks of a hostile culture! In the familiar story of Daniel 3, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were strong enough to risk their lives rather than worship the image Nebuchadnezzar built. Threatened with death, they simply stated their faith in God Daniel 3: They had the spiritual strength necessary to meet their test because they had been serving God before the test arrived. Paul taught in Ephesians 4: Paul also told Timothy that leaders must be well-qualified for their positions. There is no one in the church Satan would rather destroy than leaders. This, too, is an area where Satan has had much success. Many have been led away by false teaching as well. All brethren in a congregation need to be able to look up to men who will set a good example 1 Timothy 4: The results for the church are tragic. When the shepherds are destroyed, the flock will scatter. How can the church defend itself against such assaults of the wicked one? Paul gives the answer in 2 Corinthians Apart from the word of God, our ability, intellect, skill, and ingenuity are useless. We successfully fight the noble war by living in obedience to scripture. Obey the Bible today, become a Christian, and fight the good fight of faith 1 Timothy 1:

9: Gateway Church Pastor Identifies 'First Place' Satan Attacks Christians, How to Battle It

Satan Is Attacking The Church From Within By C. J. on October 26, 2010 (10) I am completely shaken and appalled at the hatred that is coming from so called Christians.

And if you are a follower of Jesus Christ he hates your guts with a passion. Like a roaring lion he is prowling about seeking to destroy you. How can you stand firm and resist the devil so that he will flee from you? First, do not be naive; you must consider his ways. He may tempt you to deceive others in order to create, or maintain, the impression of being more spiritual Acts 5: He may corrupt your mind and steer you away from the simplicity of Christ and His gospel 2 Cor He may hinder [cut in on, as in a race] your gospel witness and steal it from unsuspecting hearts 1 Thess 2: He may wrestle against you, fighting against your progress in Christ Eph 6: He may tempt you to commit sexual immorality against your spouse as a result of neglecting the intimacy of the marriage bed 1 Cor 7: He may blind the spiritual eyes of your unsaved family, friends, and neighbors so that they may not see the glory of Jesus in the gospel 2 Cor 4: He may keep your unsaved acquaintances in bondage to sins that hinder them from coming to God Gal 4: He may smite you with physical disease Luke He may murder you Ps He may sow tares [counterfeit Christians, sons of the evil one] within your assembly of believers in order to deceive and create disunity Mt He may lead you toward theological compromise by causing you to be friendly to false doctrine and its teachers 1 Tim 4: He may persecute you for your godliness Rev 2: He may tempt you to do evil Matt 4: He is at this moment prowling about seeking to capture and destroy you, chiefly through pride 1 Pet 5: He will most assuredly slander you before God in heaven Rev He may ask God for permission to sift you out for concentrated attack and temptation Luke He may use the power of suggestion to move you away from the will of God Matt He may try to cripple your effectiveness through confusion, discouragement, and despair 2 Cor 4: How can you stand firm and resist the devil so that he will flee? The Bible exhorts believers to war against the enemy of faith by not remaining ignorant of his schemes 2 Cor 2: We must put on the armor of God, which includes the defensive weapons of truth, righteousness, gospel proclamation, faith, and salvation. We must also employ the offensive weapons of the sword of Scripture and prayer Eph 6: These are the only means by which we may firmly stand against the devil. A Theology of Interpersonal Discipleship Other recommended resources:

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