

Centered by the Cross

HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

SERMON NOTES

1 John 3:1-8

I. Defeating the WORKS of the Devil – Part 1

A. The Cross Sets Us Free from the _____

1. All mankind is enslaved to something.
 - a. **Romans 6:16**, “Do you not know that when you present yourself to someone as slaves for obedience . . .”

2 Peter 2:19

Titus 3:3

- b. Now there are also “religious” ways people are enslaved to Satan, even while believing they are serving God!

Matthew 7:21-22a

2 Peter 2:1
Micah 5:11

Matthew 7:22b

Matthew 10:1
Acts 19:13-15

Matthew 7:22c

Mark 16:20
2 Thessalonians 2:9-10
John 17:17; 8:31-32

Matthew 7:23

- c. Satan enslaves not only those who do these things but also those who hear, watch, and act on these things!!!

Revelation 3:20

Revelation 3:14, 17, 19

2. The tyranny of the flesh can be broken only when we bring our sin & our lives to the cross.
 - a. I know we have all tried by our own efforts to overcome sin. But the flesh always wins – *doesn't it?!!!*

 - b. But man-made solutions do NOT solve spiritual problems!

Mark 5:1-4

3. The victory over our flesh is not won here but in the spiritual realm . . . !
 - a. A person with a cruciformed-mind demands every thought pass before the cross, before handing it over to the flesh.

Philippians 4:8, 13

- b. Evil thoughts will also come. But God has given us the power to CHOOSE the thoughts on which we focus!

2 Corinthians 10:5

Proverbs 23:7

James 4:7a

James 3:2

James 1:19

James 2:24

James 1:14

James 4:7b

CONCLUSIONS:

1. Jesus came to “*destroy the works of the devil*” **1 Jn. 3:8.**

2. MEMBERS:

Galatians 5:24; 2:20

3. GUESTS:

Romans 6:1-4