

Centered by the Cross

HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

Ephesians 2:1-3

Romans 6:16

Mark 5:1-4

2 Corinthians 10:5

Galatians 5:24

SERMON NOTES

I. Defeating the WORKS of the Devil – Part 2

A. The Cross Sets Us Free from the _____

1. If the *flesh* is how sin gains a foothold in our lives, then this is how the pressure to sin is applied!

Romans 12:2

- a. The *world* has been a part of our lives since even before we became Christians.

Ephesians 2:1-2

James 2:26

Isaiah 59:2

Romans 6:23

Ephesians 4:17

- b. So what prompted this previous “*walking according to the course of this world*” lifestyle?

John 1:10 a,b,c.

John 18:36

John 17:24

John 3:16

2. We can't be in a wrong relationship with *the world*, while at the same time saying we have a right relationship *with God!*
 - a. The world seeks to get Christians to compromise their relationship with God . . . *but only just a little!*

- b. Any level of relationship with the world and its sins is WRONG . . .

James 4:4

1 John 2:15

3. It is only through a right relationship with Jesus and His cross that we can be set free from the *world's tyranny!*
 - a. Jesus says to us, "*In the world you have tribulation...*"

John 16:33a

- 1) But these worldly solutions were the very things which brought about Jesus' tribulations...

Matthew 26:15; 27:5

Mark 8:36

John 19:10

Matthew 28:18

- b. What can we do about the fact that "*in the world [we] have tribulation*"?

John 16:33b

1 Corinthians 15:57

4. John says, "*For whatever is born of God overcomes the world...*"

- a. So we can keep losing in our fight against the *world*, or we can accept what originates from God for our victory!

1 John 5:4a

1 John 2:17

- b. So what is it that is "*...born of God*"?

1 John 5:4b

Romans 10:17

Galatians 6:14

- c. If our faith is in Jesus this totally changes everything, (i.e., our lives AND our lifestyle) . . .

Ephesians 2:1-5

Ephesians 5:2

CONCLUSIONS:

Mark 16:16