

Galatians – Lesson 39

Galatians 5:13-26

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Last week we learned that by giving us the Holy Spirit, God *...has granted to us **everything** pertaining to Life and Godliness...*[**2 Peter 1:3**]>>

We have been equipped to recognize and resist Satan's attacks>>

Because of **Col.1:13**, we are in a **spiritual battle** against a relentless enemy who will never cease his attacks>>**John 16:33**

This is why we read this warning in **1 Peter 5:8**

*...be sober minded be on the **ALERT**. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to **devour**...*>>

In **Eph. 6:10-11** we read>>

*...be **strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might**, put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the **schemes** of the devil...*>>

Satan's arsenal is so numerous and varied we will that we cannot exhaust our knowledge of his weapons>>

We begin by recognizing that Satan is a deceiver>>

Rev 12:9 *...Satan...deceives the whole world...*>>

<<...the act of causing someone to accept as true or valid that which is not true or valid...>>

One of the major deceptions in the church is either a **disbelief** in Satan or a minimizing of his abilities and strategies>>

This morning I will share just a few of the ways Satan can deceive us, giving a little detail about some>>

Satan deceived Eve by **distorting** God's Word in **Gen. 3:1**

Gen. 3:1*...has God said, 'You shall not eat from **any** tree of the garden'?"*

Satan deceived Eve by **lying** about God's intention in **Gen. 3:4**>>

The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die!...">>

Satan's purpose was to cause Eve to doubt or question God's integrity and motives>>

<<so she would consider something **for** and **about** herself>>

Have we ever questioned God's motive for not answering our prayer according to our desire>>

<<if so what were we after>>

Satan can create fear in us by deceive us through distorting our circumstances>>

1 Kings 19:2 ...*Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and even more, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time."* 3 And he was **afraid**..>>

Satan can move us to compromise God's will>>

1 Kings 20:34 ...*[Ahab] made a covenant with [Ben-hadad] and let him go...*>>

One of Satan's strongest weapons is unforgiveness>>

2 Cor 2:7-11 ...*you should rather **forgive** and comfort him, otherwise such a one might be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow.. 11 so that no advantage would be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes.*

Satan is the **accuser** of the brethren>>**Rev.12:10**

Satan can remind us of our past sin or failures>>

<<making us feel unworthy of or incapable of doing God's will>>

These are just a few of Satan's arsenal>>

My hope is that this very slight overview will persuade us to be>>

<<actively depending upon the ministry of the Holy Spirit and>>

<<to be much more vigilant every day>>