

**10-28-18 Message
THERE IS A REAL DEVIL**

This Wednesday evening people dress their children up like little devils and take them around trick or treating thinking it is cute. The fact is that next to Christmas, Halloween is one of the most decorated times of the year. But how sad are those decorations. Why would you want to decorate your lawn with dead bodies, skeletons, witches, etc.

A former member of the church of Wicca recently wrote about Halloween, saying:

Former Satan Worshipper: "I'm Shocked Christians Celebrate Halloween"

Said, John Ramirez

As devil worshippers, Halloween was very special to us, and we looked forward to celebrating it because we knew the implications and the dark power behind the night. It is very different from every other night in the witchcraft world. It would be like me saying to believers today, "How important to you are Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday?" Halloween has that much weight and importance to those who dwell on the dark side.

Anton LaVey, the founder of the Church of Satan, said: "I am glad that Christian parents let their children worship the devil at least one night out of the year. Welcome to Halloween."

The Devil is very real and he loves it when people think he is but a fictional being.

There are four greek words that are translated devil in the Bible.

Greek definition for words rendered "devil"

Daimoni-zo-mai:-have a (be vexed with, be possessed with)

daimoni-on:-devil, god.

daimon:-devil.

diabolos:-false accuser, devil, slanderer.

What every Christian needs to know is that Satan is very very real. We should not make light of his existence and make children think he is a cute fictional character.

We live in such a Secular Humanistic world today that if any of our politicians at all dare to insinuate that there is a real devil that is working to influence the affairs of this world politically and religiously, he is ridiculed and labeled a nut.

Look what happened to Rick Santorum in the 2012 election, the media had a spiritual cardiac arrest when it was found out that he said that Satan was behind the liberal leanings of our political system:

Here is what the media wrote:

Santorum's 2008 comments about the devil, which sparked a firestorm after they were uncovered last week by the Drudge Report, are alarming because he connected the devil's work with Congress - and clearly, liberals in Congress.

Speaking at a Catholic university, Santorum argued that the devil launched his assault on America by first penetrating its colleges. Satan, Santorum said, had started there because he "understood the pride of smart people" - which is that "they were in fact smarter than everybody else."

From there, Santorum explains, the influence of The Beast extended into society at large, which meant the devil could eventually get into politics - and did.

Look, there is no doubt that the devil works overtime in two major areas of society. He works in the religious institutions of the world, and the political institutions. Who crucified our Lord?

Satan wants to rule, and Satan wants to be worshipped. This was his goal from the beginning and it has not changed all these years.

Now the Apostle Paul said,

II Corinthians 2:11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

Yet it seems that most people are very very ignorant of his devices.

In fact his greatest device is to get people to think he does not exist.

Most people think Satan is a make believe character like Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck.

If there is no God there is no Satan.

If there is a real Devil than there is a real God.

I submit to you that THE DEVIL IS REAL. THERE IS A REAL DEVIL.

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Consider:

I. *THERE IS A REAL DEVIL THAT STILL IS TEMPTING MEN TO SIN.*

He was the one that tempted Eve to eat the forbidden fruit, and he is still working and tempting men today.

Did he not tempt our Lord?

Matthew 4:1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.
Matthew 4:2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.
Matthew 4:3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

Matthew 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Here is the foundation of every temptation. SIN IS A VIOLATION OF THE WORD OF GOD.

Man should live by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.

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This is the Key to defeating the devil.

THE DEVIL IS THE TEMPTER OF MANKIND.

He gives us all kinds of reasons why we do not have to do what God says.

The devil was there when Eve was tempted.

He was there when Cain became inflamed to kill Abel.

He was there at the tower of Babel when men decided to rebel against God.

He was there when David fell with Bathsheba, and when he decided to number the people in violation to the command of God.

The Bible says that he put it in the heart of Judas to betray the Lord. We read in John 13:2:

John 13:2 And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;

The Pharisees were called children of the devil by Jesus: John 8:44.

It is the Devil that sows tares in the Church, Matt. 13:39.

Pride is called the CONDEMNATION OF THE DEVIL, I Tim. 3:6.

The Devil is the one that gets us doing things that make no sense at all:

The Devil is said to try to snare God's servants, I Tim 3:7.

2 Tim 2:25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

2 Tim 2:26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

James 4:7 Says that we should resist the devils temptations.

I Peter 5:8 Says he is our adversary who tries to destroy us through his temptations.

Rev. 12:9 Says that the devil is the one who is deceiving the whole world. SANTORUM WAS RIGHT, he is deceiving the world and the world gets mad when you suggest it.

II. THE DEVIL IS REAL AND HE IS THE ACCUSER OF MANKIND.

Why does the devil work so hard to tempt us to sin?

Really, what the devil wants is to rule. He wanted to exalt his throne above God's throne.

Satan gains power in your life when you sin. He promotes sin, because when you sin, he gains power over your life.

Romans 6:12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

Romans 6:13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

Romans 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

Romans 6:15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.

Romans 6:16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

Romans 6:17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

Satan does not care about sin, he wants to rule over you. When you sin, he gains power over you through sin.

So he first tempts you to sin.

Then he accuses you of sin.

He then becomes the executioner in your life.

This is what he does.

His very name Diabolos, means ACCUSER.

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THERE IS A REAL DEVIL WHO TEMPTS US TO SIN.

THERE IS A REAL DEVIL WHO ACCUSES US OF SIN.

THERE IS A REAL DEVIL WHO EXECUTES THOSE WHO HE LEADS INTO SIN.

What is the purpose of a trap? It is there to kill its prey.

III. THERE IS A REAL DEVIL WHO EXECUTES PEOPLE OVER THEIR SIN.

Hebrews 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;

Hebrews 2:15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

Satan is the custodian of death. Why is it that Satan Worshippers are all enamored with graveyards, and death?

Jesus came to undo all the works of the devil.

He healed.	The devil strikes people sick.
He raised the dead.	The Devil kills people.
He blinds mens minds.	Jesus opened the eyes of the blind.

John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

He is a thief.
He is a murderer.
He is a destroyer.

He tempts people to sin.
He accuses people of sin.
He executes people for their sin.

THERE IS A REAL DEVIL THAT HAS BEEN DEFEATED BY OUR SAVIOR!

Jesus is the opposite of the devil.

Jesus is the author of life.

Satan was defeated by the death of Christ on the cross. His power is in his ability to get people to follow him into rebellion and sinning against God.

Remember what the devil wants is to get power over men, that power comes when men obey him and rebel against God through sin.

How did God manifest His power? Was it not by speaking everything into existence? His word is the most powerful force in the universe. When we obey Satan's voice and sin, we are put under his authority. He than gains power and rulership in our life.

Romans 6:16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

CONCLUSION:

Now we who were children of darkness, under the bondage of sin, when we hear and obey His voice we are translated from the Kingdom of Satan to the kingdom of light.

Colossians 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

Now knowing this, will we dress up our children like demons and devils and think it cute? Will we make light of the fact there is a real devil who today is still keeping men in bondage of sin?

Remember, there is nothing more pleasing to him than men think he does not exist. That men make light of him.

HIS POWER IS GAINED IN GETTING MEN TO DISOBEY THE WORD.

HE ACCUSED MEN OF DISOBEYING GOD'S WORD.

HE GETS POWER TO AFFLICT MEN FOR THEIR SIN.

Jesus Christ now has set us at liberty from the bondage of sin.
Let us not be ignorant of our great enemy.

I Pray God would open men's hearts and minds to the truth and that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ would shine into them and they be saved.

II Corinthians 4:3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

II Corinthians 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

II Corinthians 4:5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

II Corinthians 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.