

## Know your enemy

Is Satan real?

What does the Bible have to say about Satan?

Do we have to deal with Satan in our everyday lives?

***To recognise his reality will help you to reject his influence.***

How can we win over the devil?

Ephesians 6:10-18

The shield of faith –

The sword of the Spirit –

Do you believe your shield of faith is strong enough?

Understand your enemy – who is he?

How does he work? Deception.

The Holy Spirit convicts of sin and forgives, the devil condemns for sin and will not let you get past it.

Verses to remember:

1 John 1:9 (ESV)

<sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Romans 8:1 (ESV)

<sup>8</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

PS:

As I was reflecting on today's message regarding, "Knowing Your Enemy," I noticed that there was a note in my text that I somehow missed. Some may ask, "I know God will forgive me once but what if I sin again and again, will He forgive me?" In my opinion He will, if we apply I John 1:9, by confessing our sins; if not, we would all be in trouble.

Jesus told Peter that he must forgive 70 X 7 so I believe that God will continue to forgive us similarly. But here is the problem. Every time we do the same thing repeatedly, it gets much easier to do it the next time. Each time the voice of the Holy Spirit gets more and more distant to us, yes, He speaks but **we choose** to stop listening. Our decision to continue sinning has given Satan a stronghold in our lives that is very hard to get away from. We all know that sin is destructive either mentally, spiritually or physically, so Satan will take full advantage of any stronghold we give him and he will use it to destroy us.

I don't know anyone that would want to give our enemy that kind of power.

The key is respond early to the voice of the Holy Spirit, then turn away from the sin before we allow it to get too much to deal with.

In Him

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