Gospel Combat

Scripture: 1 Peter 5:6-11

Series: Standing in Grace

Sunday, November 16, 2014

Corroborating Texts: Gen. 3; 1 Ch. 21:1; Job 1; Lk. 10:18; Lk. 11:20-22;

2 Cor. 10:4-5; Col. 2:13-15; 1 Th. 3:5; Rev. 12:10



Overview

Satan is a very real enemy but thankfully in Christ Jesus we have witnessed his ultimate ruin.

Discussion Questions

- 1. What is the best way to defend against enemies? [we have to know them and their tactics] What do you presently know about the devil and his tactics? What stood out to you most about this sermon?
- 2. Who are our biggest enemies? [ourselves, the world, the devil] Look at verses 6 and 7. What does this verse say about who we are? [we are weak and need help from God] How have you been attacked or been vulnerable to attack most recently by one of these three enemies? What is the most spiritually weak aspect of your life? Why is this so?
- 3. Look at verse 8. What does the image of a roaring lion cause you to feel towards Satan? [urgency, fear, danger] Day to day, do you honestly feel that way about Satan? How often or when do you feel so the most?
- 4. How has Satan been active throughout the Scriptures? [Gen. 3; 1 Ch. 21:1; Job 1] What are some ways that people perceive him? [myth, personified] Why do you think it is significant that Satan is a very real being active today?
- 5. What are some of Satan's activities and goals based on Scripture? How does Satan tempt us? What does Satan do to deceive us? [disbelief, distrust, doubt] How does the devil appeal to us? [he encourages us to become our own god]
- 6. Look at verse 9. What truths must we tell ourselves about ourselves when Satan accuses us? How do we go about resisting the devil? [by faith] What does that really mean? How is it different then some ways people fend off the devil? [money, comfort, security] How do these methods fail where faith succeeds?
- 7. Look at verses 10 and 11. What is the relationship of the Gospel to the devil? [the gospel caused the devil to fall (Lk. 10:18), be bound (Lk. 11:20-22), and be disarmed (Col. 2:13-15)] Christ restores, confirms, strengthens, and establishes you. As you have been assailed by the devil, how have you seen Christ fend him off? What are the indications of Christ's dominion around you and in you?