

# “If I Were the Devil...”

Satan was totally defeated when Jesus Christ died upon the cross. He was cast from the heavens and goes forth in great wrath, because he *“knows that he hath but a short time.”* Revelation 12:12. His defeat is so complete, that everyone who believes the truth of the gospel is made free from sin to serve God all the days of their life without fear of this defeated foe. Luke 1: 74-75. One day I asked myself a question. “If I were the devil, defeated and awaiting final judgment, yet still seeking to destroy souls, what would I do?”

**If I were the devil,** I would diversify. I would establish many “camps” where people could hear anything they wanted to hear, and believe it is true. This would fulfil what Paul said to Timothy; *“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears”* II Timothy 4:3. If I were the devil, I would certainly send teachers into the churches to tell the people what they want to hear.

**If I were the devil,** I would tell the people that God does not want everyone to be saved. I would tell them that God has chosen only a few to be saved, and leave the rest to be damned. I would base this teaching on a word that in all its forms is used only four times in the bible. I would call my new doctrine *“predestination.”* I would know that many people would be lost for no other reason than they would think Christ did not die for them. They would not understand that Christ died for all; that *“whosoever will”* may come. Revelation 22:17.

**If I were the devil,** I would convince as many people as I could that God’s greatest desire is for them to be very rich and successful in the things of this present world. I would go so far as to convince them that *“prosperity”* was included in the atonement, meaning that Christ died on the cross for our worldly success. I would do everything to include so many things in the atonement that the people would totally lose sight of the fact that Christ came into this world to *“destroy the works of the devil”* I John 3:8 and *“take away the sin of the world”* John 1:29. If I were the devil, I would certainly never want anyone to know that.

**If I were the devil,** I would tell the people their sins are forgiven, *“past, present, and future,”* even before they commit them. After enough people accepted this teaching, I would reason with them that since they have already been forgiven, there is no reason to repent when they sin. If I were the devil, that’s what I would tell the people.

**If I were the devil,** I would tell the people Jesus died *“to take the penalty for their sin.”* I would want them to believe they could continue in sin and never suffer the penalty. I would use this teaching to blind the eyes of the people to the scriptures that say Christ died *“to take our sin away”* John 1:29, I John 3:5.

**If I were the devil,** I would also tell the people that Jesus died to *“take their punishment”* for sin. I would hide from them

the fact that God has never, in all the history of the world, demanded punishment for anyone who repented and turned from their sin to trust in Him Ezekiel 33:11.

**If I were the devil,** I would seek to convince the people that God was angry and wanted to judge them, but Jesus would hide them from the Father’s eyes. I would convince them that the *“blood of Jesus”* would cover their sins so God could not see them. I would do everything possible to keep them from seeing and understanding that *“...the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.”* I John 1:7.

**If I were the devil,** I would continuously tell the people that *“sanctification”* is a *“process”* that will continue for the rest of their lives, and that they will never be truly sanctified in this life. I would have my ministers say to the people in almost every service, *“We are all sinners; we sin every day; as long as we live in a body of flesh, we will sin.”* I would not want the people to believe that *“the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God.”* I Corinthians 6:9. Instead I would persuade them that *“God sees you as righteous and holy, because you are covered with an invisible garment of righteousness, which only He can see.”*

**If I were the devil,** I would do all in my power to keep the people from understanding the words of the apostle Paul to the Hebrews; *“...we are sanctified by the offering of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all.”* Hebrews 10:10. I would not want them to understand, when Jesus said on the cross, *“It is finished,”* it (our complete salvation and sanctification) was finished. If I were the devil, they must never understand that the blood of Christ has the power to sanctify them entirely. Hebrews 13:12.

**If I were the devil,** I would not want the people to know who Jesus truly is. If they understood that Jesus is *“the Christ”* who came into the world *“to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness...”* Daniel 9:24, they would *“trust in Christ,”* and go free from sin to serve God. If I were the devil, I would have lost all power over those who understood *“...who Christ is, ...why He came into the world, ...and why He died on the cross.”* If I were the devil, they must never understand that.

**If I were the devil,** I would not want the people to know I was cast down from heaven when Christ died on the cross Revelation 12 10-11. I would not want them to see the terrible deadly wound in my head which I received from Jesus Christ, *“the seed of the woman”* Genesis 3:15. I would not want the people to understand that I cannot touch them as long as they *“abide in Christ.”* I would seek to entice them out of their rest in Christ to come and wage *“spiritual warfare”* against me so I could devour them.

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Above all, **if I were the devil**, I would flood the people with different versions of the bible. I would give them bibles that change the words *"us which are saved"* I Corinthians 1:18 into *"us which are being saved,"* so they would think salvation and sanctification are a process. I would also eliminate the passages that say a child of God *"does not commit sin"* I John 3:9 and replace it with the words *"they do not practice sin."* I would so fill these scriptures with philosophy that the people would never believe Jesus actually meant *"the truth shall make you free."* John 8:32.

**I am not the devil**, and I certainly am not *"The Christ."* I did not invent these erroneous doctrines I have written about in this message, but the devil did. I did not suffer and die on the cross to make you free from sin, but Jesus *"The Christ"* did. It is with a godly fear that I have written this message, seeking to awaken the church without doing harm to any soul. Because I can "see," I must tell you what I see. That is the ministry God has committed to me.

### Undeniable Gospel Facts

1. The same day sin entered into the world through Adam's transgression, God gave the promise of *"The Seed of the Woman"* who would *"bruise the head of the serpent"* Genesis 3:15. The promise was that a woman would give birth to a child who would destroy the serpent (Satan) and all of his works.

2. On the same day Abraham offered his son Isaac on the altar to God, God promised a *"seed of Abraham"* who would *"possess the gate of His enemies"* Genesis 22:17. The apostle Paul tells us plainly, *"Abraham's seed ... is Christ"* Galatians 3:16.

3. God gave a sign to the prophet Isaiah: *"Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel (God with us)"* Isaiah 7:14. By this we understand *"the Seed of the woman"* would be *"the son of a virgin."* If He is *"God with us,"* He must also be *"the Son of God."*

4. The angel Gabriel brought a message direct from God to the prophet Daniel. He told of the coming of one called *"The Messiah the Prince (The Christ)"* Daniel 9:25. Gabriel also told Daniel God would send *"The Christ"* into the world *"... to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness..."* Daniel 9:24.

5. The angel Gabriel revealed to Joseph, the espoused husband of a virgin girl named Mary, that her child was conceived by the Holy Ghost Matthew 1:20. Gabriel also revealed both His name and His purpose; *"...thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."* Matthew 1:21.

Jesus Christ did not go to the cross as a victim, but as a conqueror. He was the mighty creator who came to earth for the sole purpose of destroying the devil and delivering the people from sin. The cross did not interrupt His plan for redemption; the cross was His plan. The apostle Paul says it was *"through death"* that He *"destroyed the devil"* Hebrews 2:14. Four days before Christ

died for us, He said to His disciples, *"Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out..."* John 12:31. He knew before He died on the cross what His death would accomplish. Jesus said, *"For this cause came I unto this hour"* John 12:27.

Christ is the creator of all things. He came into the world as *"the Seed of the woman"* to *"bruise the head of the serpent"* and to *"save His people from their sins."* His coming had nothing to do with *"taking our punishment,"* or *"paying our debt;"* No! He *"destroyed the devil"* Hebrews 2:14, and He *"destroyed the works of the devil"* I John 3:8. Peter said Christ *"...bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should (would) live unto righteousness..."* I Peter 2:24. Christ bore our sins on the cross, not to *"pay our penalty"* for sin, but to destroy sin and make us free. Romans 6:6.

These are things Satan does not want you to know!



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