

## MAN'S ADVERSARY, THE DEVIL

### 1 Peter 5:8

#### INTRODUCTION:

1. The Bible doctrine of hell and the devil is unpopular in some quarters, w/ some denying both.
  - A. Some accuse mentioning these subjects as scare tactics to enforce unreasonable behavior
2. Gospel preachers cannot allow public opinion to dictate their subject matter (Gal 1:10).

#### BODY:

##### 1. THE BIBLE REVEALS HIM AS A REAL, DISTINCT PERSONALITY

- A. The Bible uses pronouns: "he, him and "his" in making reference to the devil (Jn 8:44).
- B. Jesus called him a "murderer" and a "liar" (Jn 8:44).
- C. God confronted and talked to him (Gen 3:14, 15; Job 1:8; 2:2).
- D. Jesus confronted and talked to him (Mt 4:1 – 10).
- E. Called an "adversary", and seen as man's greatest opponent (1 Pet 5:8).
- F. Called a "roaring lion" speaks of the strength/fierceness of his attacks (Job 1:13-21; 2:7).
- G. He is called a serpent because of his subtlety and craftiness (Gen 3:1; 2 Cor 11:3).
  1. All these terms describe a real being, not a figment of someone's imagination.

##### 2. WHAT DOES HE DO?

- A. He tempts us to disobey as he tempted Jesus (Mt 4:1-10; 1 Jn 2:15 – 17).
- B. He hinders the gospel (1 The 2:18).
- C. He steals away the Word of God out of man's hearts (Mt 13:19).
- D. He sows tares (false doctrine) among the good seed (truth) (Mt 13:38, 39).
- E. He "turns some aside after him" (1 Tim 5:15).
- F. He will get you to betray the Lord if you will allow him (Lk 22:3).

##### 3. HOW DOES HE ACCOMPLISH HIS WORK?

- A. He tries to get an advantage over us (2 Cor 2:11).
- B. He has many devices (2 Cor 2:11).
- C. He has many "wiles" (tricks) (Eph 6:11).
- D. He will appear as "an angel of light" (2 Cor 11:13 – 15).
- E. Deceit, subtilty, procrastination and peer pressure are his tools.
  1. Awareness is a must, not an oversight.

##### 4. HOW CAN WE DEFEND AGAINST HIM?

- A. Resist him (Jas 4:7; 1 Pet 5:8, 9).
- B. Store up and use scripture against him (Psa 119:11; Mt 4:1 – 10).
- C. Put on the whole armor of God (Eph 6:11).
- D. Know the difference between good and evil (Isa 7:15).

##### 5. WHAT'S HIS END?

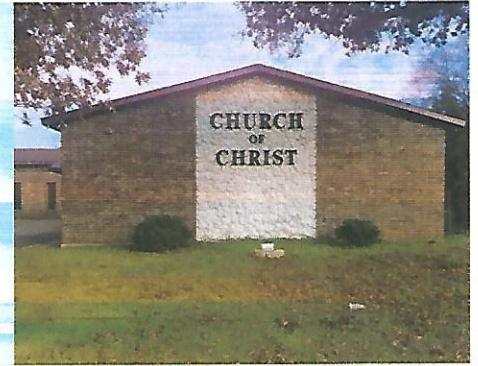
- A. He will be cast into everlasting fire (Mt 25:41; Rev 20:10).

#### CONCLUSION:

1. Though a formidable foe, he can be defeated and resisted (Php 4:13).

# Whispering Hills

# Church of Christ



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## Gathering Times

Sunday Bible Class	09:30 AM
Sunday Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Worship	5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening	7:00 PM

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# Welcome Christians!

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## Weekly Bible Reading

29 March 2020	Isaiah	45 - 51
30 March 2020	Isaiah	52 - 59
31 March 2020	Isaiah	60 - 66
01 April 2020	Jeremiah	1 - 5
02 April 2020	Jeremiah	6 - 10
03 April 2020	Jeremiah	11 - 15
04 April 2020	Jeremiah	16 - 20

Tough Times  
=  
Opportunity  
to Trust  
God

## HOW TO BE SAVED

1. Hear (Rom 10:17; Jn 6:45)
2. Believe (Jn 8:24; Heb 11:6)
3. Repent (Lk 13:3,5; Ac 2:38)
4. Confess (Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9, 10)
5. Baptized (Mk 16:16; 1 Pet 3:21)

***Our religious conviction:*** God chose to save the world by sending His son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins (Rom 10:17). Those who choose to listen and obey the Gospel message SHALL be saved (Acts 2:38). God adds them to the Church of the Bible which His Son is coming for one day (2 The 1: 7 - 10)

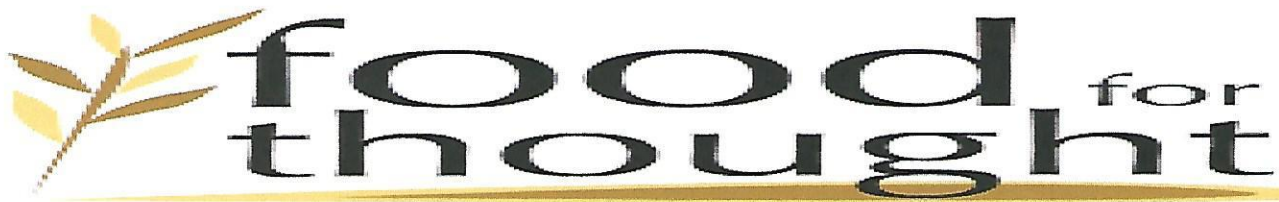
## Thanks for visiting with us!

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God, and the  
communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:14

## Attention Guest

Please take a few minutes to fill out an attendance card today and place it in the contribution basket.

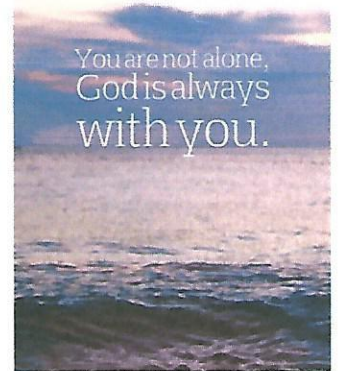


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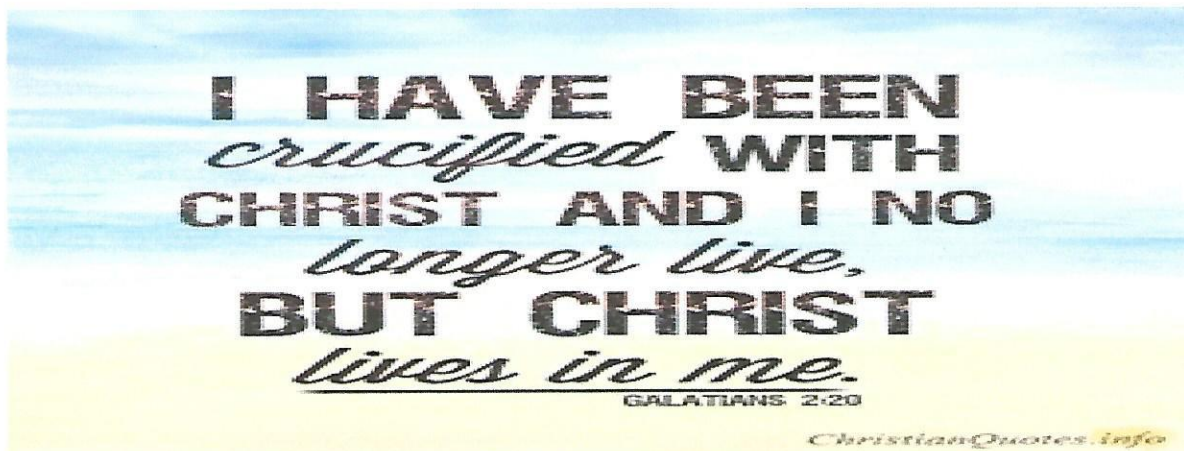
## SCATTERED AND ALONE?

Just shortly before His arrest and crucifixion, Jesus told His disciples **“Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to His own, and will leave me alone”** (Jn 16:32a). We can all certainly relate to both sides of that statement today can’t we? We have all been scattered, each to his/her own home for the time being, no longer able to enjoy the sweet fellowship and togetherness that we have become so accustomed to, and maybe even taken a little for granted at times over the years. Subsequently, many of us have perhaps even begun to feel very alone due to our physical isolation from one another... But hear Jesus’ next words very clearly: **“And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me”** (Jn 16:32b).

Jesus, going into the worst and most horrific event of His entire existence, knew, and took total peace and comfort in accepting if no one else, His love could/would be there with Him. His heavenly Father was with Him. Jesus was dying to have you and I be able to enjoy that same level of divine peace and comfort, even in the worst of our worldly tribulations: **“These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world”** (Jn 16:33).




When you factor in God would soon, however, be forced to abandon Jesus because of **our** sins upon **Him** (Mt 27:46); but God has promised never to forsake His faithful and forgiven children in Christ (2 Cor 5:17; Heb 13:5), shouldn’t that therefore, enable and empower us to have even more peace and comfort than Jesus did that evening..... It surely should! And so, go forward and rejoice today my beloved brethren, knowing God is with you (Psa 118:15-29)!





# PRAYER REQUEST



**Continuous Prayers:** Walter Simon, Mack & Carolyn Clouds, I.V. Jones (Bro Jones' dad), Ann Busby, Patricia Hurd, Ron Daly (friend of Bro Hunter [Indianapolis, IN]), Ron Forge, Edward Tisby, Ray & Ruby Busby (family of the Busby's), Shelia Harris, Sam Lily, Arriana Porter  
Joel Sotelo Vazquez [Mexico City, Mexico]  
Bro Archie Greene (Unity and Leadership [Charlestown, WV])

**Sick:** Arthur Henry, Brenda Martin, Baby Zarkiah, Dan Allen, Jerry Birdow, Jose (Bro Santos' friend),

**General:** Demetria Washington, Greg Owens (Bro Owens' brother), Kelvin & Michael Porter (Sis Owens' brothers), Simon Young, Randy Murray


**Door Knocking Campaign Prayer List:** James & Charlotte Eaton

### UPDATES:

1. **Sis Joyce Fair:** Home recovering
2. **Sis Ruth Davenport:** Recovering process is proceeding slowly, but effective
3. **Edward Tisby:** Sis Stafford's & Rowlette's brother (home care)
4. **Joel Sotelo Vazquez—** Bro Ramsey's brother-in-law (stomach cancer) is home
5. **Darius Bell:** Bro/Sis Bell's son (injured knee); surgery is being discussed
6. **Sam Lily:** Sis Guthrie's stepson was burnt during work; a long recovery is expected
7. **Arriana Porter:** Bro/Sis Owens' niece is hospitalized
8. **Jerome Freeman:** Bro Anderson's brother-in-law passed away

## Upcoming Activities/Announcements

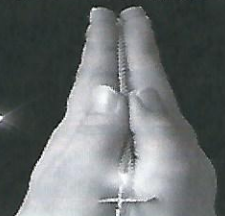
1. **Door Knocking Campaign** Postponed until further notice.
2. **Duncanville Lectureship 2020:**  
Theme: "In The Beginning"  
Date: August 6 - 8, 2020 [Thursday, Friday & Saturday]  
Location: 2126 S. Main St Duncanville, TX 75317 [Whispering Hills Church of Christ]



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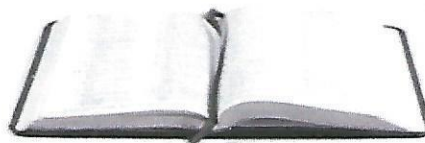
#### *Birthday & Anniversary List*

Ashley Allen	03
Ruth Davenport	21
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Arthur & Ann Busby	12
Mack & Carolyn Cloud	21



# SERMON NOTES

A Leader Must first be a Teachable Follower



**1 Cor 9:16 - 18** “For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel! What is my reward then? Verily that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel.”

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Scripture Reference: **I Peter 5:8**