

# JESUS, SATAN, AND YOU

Ephesians 2:1-5

## Introduction:

### A. What about the spirit world?

1. Is the truth found in haunted h\_\_\_\_\_?
2. Is the truth found in H\_\_\_\_\_?
3. Is the truth found in people's ex\_\_\_\_\_?
4. Any truth about the spirit world must come from God's w\_\_\_\_\_

### B. Today's lesson (Eph 2:1-5)

1. Introduces a spiritual being who is called a p\_\_\_\_\_, which literally means ruler as the NIV translates (NLT – commander).
2. There is only one spiritual being who is seen as an evil ruler – S\_\_\_\_\_).
3. Let us learn how to react or respond to the evil spiritual world.

## Satan rules the demons but Jesus has judged them (1,2a)

### A. The main sentence

1. Not readily seen in most English translations – Verse 1 starts the sentence, is interrupted by other thoughts, then picks back up in verse 5 as seen by the phrase, *dead in trespasses*.
2. The KJV attempts to give the main sentence first by grabbing from verse 5. – *you hath he quickened who were dead in trespasses and sins*.
3. Paul is still continuing the thought from the previous chapter of Jesus being the ruler over a\_\_\_\_\_ authority and the head of the church and how that affects believers.

### B. The interjected thoughts teach us about Satan

1. Satan is called the prince of the power of the a\_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Air is invisible, un\_\_\_\_\_
    - 1) Eph 6:12 – spiritual wickedness is in the heavenly places, which we learned does not refer to heaven because of Rev 12:9 but was a common Greek term meaning unseen places)
    - 2) Satan rules the unseen, spiritually wicked p\_\_\_\_\_
- b. Satan and his demons are r\_\_\_\_\_ but are unseen. There are only three possible places where Satan or demons appear to humans.
  - 1) Gen 3 – Satan appeared to Adam and Eve as a s\_\_\_\_\_
    - a) Rev 12:9 identifies Satan as the serpent of o\_\_\_\_\_

- b) but Satan may have p\_\_\_\_\_ the serpent and not appeared.
  - 2) 1Sam 28:11ff – a demon disguises himself as the dead p\_\_\_\_\_ Samuel.
    - a) God had refused to a\_\_\_\_\_ king Saul's request by prophet, dream, vision, Urim, Thumim.
    - b) Saul then consulted the witch of Endor who conjured up a spirit and Saul concluded it was Samuel, (The story is told from Saul's p\_\_\_\_\_)
    - c) Saul could not s\_\_\_\_\_ what the witch conjured up. She had to describe what she saw.
    - d) So this is a debatable example
  - 3) The temptation account of Jesus (Lk 4)
    - a) It does not say that Satan appeared to Jesus.
    - b) Satan only t\_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus
  - c. There is no such thing as spirits of the dead lurking around.
    - 1) The spirit of an unbeliever immediately goes to h\_\_\_\_\_ at death (Lk 16:22,23; 1Pet 3:19,20)
    - 2) The spirit of a believer immediately goes to h\_\_\_\_\_ at death (2Cor 5:8; Phil 1:21-23).
- 2. Satan rules the demonic world and they are all around us.
  - a. Eph 6:10 – a believers real struggle is not with the physical things of life, but the spiritual forces of w\_\_\_\_\_ in the unseen places.
  - b. We are not to be a\_\_\_\_\_ of the demonic world
    - 1) Jesus has already j\_\_\_\_\_ them (Jn 16:11) and their destination is sealed (Matt 25:41; Rev 20:10)
    - 2) Satan and demons r\_\_\_\_\_ the earth to stir up trouble (Rev 12:12; 1Pet 5:8).

### **Satan rules the unbeliever, but Jesus saves (2b-5)**

- A. Satan is presently working
  - 1. In the s\_\_\_\_\_ of disobedience
    - a. The NLT and NIV just omit this word and refer to the disobedient.
    - b. Eph 5:8 calls unbelievers children of d\_\_\_\_\_ and believers children of l\_\_\_\_\_
    - c. In Eph 2:3 Paul excludes believers from this group.
  - 2. Satan is THE s\_\_\_\_\_ that is working in unbelievers.

**B. Jesus is continually saving unbelievers**

1. This is an act of m\_\_\_\_\_ and g\_\_\_\_\_ by God
  - a. No one can save themselves, otherwise salvation would come by w\_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Only Jesus can rescue us
2. What Jesus saves us from
  - a. He saved (past tense) us from spiritual d\_\_\_\_\_
    - 1) God made us a\_\_\_\_\_ spiritually (v. 5).
    - 2) Our spirit then was j\_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus's Spirit (1Cor 6:17)
    - 3) Rom 8:10 – although our body is still mortal because of sin, our spirit is alive because of r\_\_\_\_\_ (i.e. Jesus made us right with God)
  - b. He saves (present tense) us from sinful l\_\_\_\_\_
    - 1) All Paul's readers USED TO live
      - a) According to this w\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 2)
      - b) According to S\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 2)
      - c) According to the sinful n\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 3)
    - 2) God begins a transformation process by making us J\_\_\_\_\_ - oriented rather than sin-oriented.

**Conclusion:**

**A. We believers need not fear Satan or his demons because**

1. Jesus is f\_\_\_\_\_ above all rule and authority (Eph 1:21)
2. Satan and his demons can tempt us but they cannot t\_\_\_\_\_ you (1Jn 5:18)
3. Satan and his demons cannot possess you because we are possessed by the H\_\_\_\_\_ S\_\_\_\_\_ (1Cor 6:19; Matt 12:44,45)

**B. Submit to Him who lives inside you**

1. He is g\_\_\_\_\_ than anything in the world (1Jn 4:4)
2. The devil will f\_\_\_\_\_ from you (Jms 4:7)