

“A Biblical Overview of Demons”
Luke 4:31-44

“There are two equal and opposite errors about demons; one is to disbelieve in the existence of demons and the other is to have an excessive or unhealthy interest in demons.” (C.S. Lewis)

“There is a kind of confession Biblically that doesn’t glorify Christ as Lord and Savior; that is the kind of confession that does not flow from affections for Christ and leads to submission to Christ. A saving confession leads to a joyful submission to all of the revelation of God’s Word. There is another confession that is a result of the Sovereign Rule of Christ that demands confession of power and authority, but does not flow from affections leading to joyful submission.” (Matthew 7:21-23; James 2:19; Philippians 2:10; Luke 4:36,41).

- Christ Has Authority Over Satan and Demons: (Luke 4:32, 36)
 - The LORD must give Satan permission before he can do anything, which means he is always ultimately being used by God to accomplish God’s purposes (Job 1:6-10; Matthew 8:29-32; Luke 22:31-32). *“For by Him (Christ) all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through Him and for Him.” (Colossians 1:16)*
- Hell Was Created For the Devil and the Demons, For Their Rebellion Against God: (Luke 4:34)
 - *“Then He will say to those on His left, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.’” (Matthew 25:41; cf. 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 1:6)*
- The devil and the demons ***main objective*** is to try to stop people from coming to know Christ or for people to be saved.
 - To try to keep the “seed” from being born to save humanity (Genesis 3:15; 6:1-5).
 - Once Christ was born, the devil and the demons tried to tempt Christ to sin or to keep Christ from dying (Luke 4:1-11; Matthew 16:23).
 - The incarnation intensified the battle for the souls of men. Christ’s work was the definitive blow in the defeat of Satan! *“The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.” (1 John 3:8b; Hebrews 2:14-15)*
- What are the devil and demons doing today?
 - 1 Timothy 4:1-3
 - 1 Corinthians 10:19-21
 - 2 Corinthians 11:13-15
 - 1 Peter 5:6-10
 - 1 John 4:1-6
 - 2 Corinthians 4:4
- Can a Christian be demon possessed?
 - Believers’ faith can be attacked by Satan (Ephesians 6:16; 1 Peter 5:8-9; James 4:7).
 - Christians are indwelt by the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:9-11; 1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19).
 - The Holy Spirit is stronger than the devil and demons (1 John 4:4) and in Christ we are protected from the devil and demons (1 John 5:18).

Account Balance: \$40,268.93 November Balance: \$31,415.29	Weekly Budget: \$3,460
Total Giving: December 3	\$4,485.00
Total Giving: December 10	\$3,296.00
Total Giving: December 17	\$1,560.05
Total Giving: December 24	\$15,010.00

Announcements:

★**FELLOWSHIP MEAL:** We are having a Fellowship Meal NEXT Sunday, January 14th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up to bring something to the dinner. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the dinner and the fellowship with us!

★**LEGACY THEOLOGY PRACTICUM:** Starting TOMORROW, January 8, through March 11, 2024, we will be offering a 10-week course on “**Church History**” on Mondays from 6-9pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be studying the birth of the Church in Acts 2 in 30AD up to our present time of 2023. Our Christian heritage is filled to the brim with fascinating figures whose lives we can learn from. Church history also records the teaching, movements, and mistakes of Christians who held to the truth of the Word and sought to reflect the invisible God. For the past two-thousand years of our history, Christians have wrestled with Scripture. The stories of Polycarp, Athanasius, Irenaeus, Augustine, Martin Luther, John Calvin, Jonathan Edwards, and John Wesley (just to name a few) help us to persevere in our faith during tough times and inspire us to live our lives in full for God’s glory. We will study the major disputes of Heresy, such as the Council of Nicaea, that condemned Arianism in 325, the Council of Carthage that denounced Pelagianism in 418, and the Council of Chalcedon that rejected Eutychianism in 451. We also will study when Churches and Denominations begin. Please see the back of your sermon notes for more information about this course. Let Elder Richard know if you may be interested in this course so we can prepare a Syllabus for you. [(419)651-0053]

★**BAPTISMS:** Our next Baptism Service will be on Sunday, January 21st. If you are interested in being baptized or have any questions about baptism, please see Pastor Jeremy or one of the other Elders.

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of January we are collecting monetary donations for Heartbeats. For more information about Heartbeats and what they do, please see the board in the back of the sanctuary. There is a container on the back table for your monetary donations. You can also give on Venmo, please make sure to note that it is for Heartbeats.