

RESCUE, RESURRECTION, AND DESTRUCTION

- Let's try to answer three questions:"
 - What are the works of the devil?
 - How does Jesus destroy the works of the devil?
 - How can I cooperate with Jesus to see the works of the devil destroyed in my life and family?
- What are the works of the devil?
 - According to John 8:42-44, the works of the devil are:
 - Deception
 - Confusion
 - Murder
 - Lies
 - ⁸All those who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came so that they would have life, and ¹¹have it abundantly. ¹¹"I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep." **John 10:8-11 NASB**
 - According to John 10:8-11 the devil works to:
 - Steal
 - Kill
 - Destroy
 - The enemy loves to steal from and to steal our accessibility to the door! He works to deceive and rob us with an aim on 'killing' our connectivity to Jesus.
 - The story of the two paths:
 - Holiness-Salvation
 - Happiness- Separation
 - According to James 3:13-18 the devil's works are:
 - Bitter
 - Jealousy
 - Selfish
 - Ambition
 - Arrogance
 - Dishonesty
 - Disorder
 - Every Evil Thing
 - Earthly =Earthbound

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Natural= Unspiritual (See 1Corinthians 2:14)

Demonic= Evil

- By implication from James 3:17-18 the works of the devil are:
 - Impurity
 - Conflict
 - Harshness
 - Unreasonableness
 - Judgmental Attitude
 - Hypocritical Behavior
 - The Antithesis to verses 17-18

- Four more things the enemy uses:
 - Delay-This is to push you to quit before your breakthrough comes.
 - Deceit-This is to get you confused so you will 'buy into' something less than God's highest and best.
 - Distraction-The enemy loves to get to fight on too many fronts so you cannot maintain focus...intimacy with God is a safeguard and will protect you when distractions are 'pulling' at you.
 - Disappointment-disappointment makes the heart sick, and the tree of life won't grow in heart sick soil. See **Proverbs 13:12**

- How does Jesus destroy the works of the devil?
 - ²⁷ "Now My soul has become troubled; and what am I to say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose, I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came out of heaven: "I have both glorified *it* and will glorify *it* again." ²⁹ So the crowd who stood by and heard *it* were saying that it had thundered; others were saying, "An angel has spoken to Him!" ³⁰ Jesus responded and said, "This voice has not come for My sake, but for yours. ³¹ Now judgment is *upon* this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. ³² And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all *people* to Myself." **John 12: 27-32 NASB**

 - ³⁸ *You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. Acts 10:38 NASB.*
 - Acts 10:38
 - Anointing of the Holy Spirit... Authority

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- The power of God
- The goodness of God
- The presence of God
- ¹³ Now when Jesus heard *about John*, He withdrew from there in a boat to a secluded place by Himself; and when the people heard *about this*, they followed Him on foot from the cities. ¹⁴ When He came ashore, He saw a large crowd, and felt compassion for them and healed their sick. ¹⁵ Now when it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, "This place is secluded and the hour is already past *to eat*; send the crowds away, so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go; you give them *something* to eat!" ¹⁷ They *said* to Him, "We have nothing here except five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸ And He said, "Bring them here to Me." ¹⁹ And ordering the crowds to sit down on the grass, He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looked up toward heaven. He blessed *the food* and breaking the loaves, He gave them to the disciples, and the disciples *gave them* to the crowds. ²⁰ And they all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up what was left over of the broken pieces: twelve full baskets. **Matthew 14:13-20 NASB**

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- Compassion
- Healing Power
- Meeting Physical Needs
- Overcoming Evil with Good
- ¹¹ When Jesus had finished giving instructions to His twelve disciples, He went on from there to teach and preach in their cities. ² Now *while* in prison, John heard about the works of Christ, and he sent *word* by his disciples, ³ and said to Him, "Are You the Coming One, or are we to look for someone else?" ⁴ Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and report to John what you hear and see: ⁵ *those who are* BLIND RECEIVE SIGHT and *those who limp walk*, *those with leprosy are cleansed* and *those who are deaf hear*, *the dead are raised*, and *the POOR HAVE THE* ^{[G]OSPEL PREACHED TO THEM. **Matthew 11:1-5 NASB**}

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- The Blind are Cured.
- The Lame Walk
- The Lepers are Cleansed.
- The Deaf Hear
- The Dead are Raised
- The poor Hear the Gospel

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- ²³ Jesus was going about in all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every sickness among the people. ²⁴ And the news about Him spread throughout Syria; and they brought to Him all who were ill, those suffering with various diseases and severe pain, demon-possessed, people with epilepsy, and people who were paralyzed; and He healed them. **Matthew 4:23-24 NASB**
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 - By Proclamation of the Gospel and the Kingdom
 - By Healing Every Kind of Disease and Sickness
 - By Delivering Demons
 - By Comforting the suffering and Pain of Life
 - Healing Spirit, Soul and Body
- Jesus rules and reigns by Righteousness and Justice
 - **11** Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse,
And a Branch from his roots will bear fruit.
² The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him,
The spirit of wisdom and understanding,
The spirit of counsel and strength,
The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
³ And He will delight in the fear of the LORD,
And He will not judge by what His eyes see,
Nor make decisions by what His ears hear;
⁴ But with righteousness He will judge the poor,
And decide with fairness for the humble of the earth;
And He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth,
And with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked.
⁵ Also righteousness will be the belt *around* His hips,
And faithfulness the belt *around* His waist. **Isaiah 11:1-5 NASB** (Jesus)
 - **89** I will sing of the graciousness of the LORD forever;
To all generations I will make Your faithfulness known with my mouth.
² For I have said, "Graciousness will be built up forever;
In the heavens You will establish Your faithfulness."
³ "I have made a covenant with My chosen;
I have sworn to My servant David,
⁴ I will establish your descendants forever
And build up your throne to all generations." **Psalms 89:1-4 NASB**
 - **97** The LORD reigns, may the earth rejoice;
May the many islands be joyful.
² Clouds and thick darkness surround Him;

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Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.

³ Fire goes before Him

And burns up His enemies all around.

⁴ His lightning lit up the world;

The earth saw *it* and trembled.

⁵ The mountains melted like wax at the presence of the LORD,

At the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. **Psalm 97:1-5 NASB**

- ¹⁵ So David reigned over all Israel; and David administered justice and righteousness for all his people. **2 Samuel 8:15 NASB** (David)
- ⁸ Blessed be the LORD your God who delighted in you, setting you on His throne as king for the LORD your God; because your God loved Israel, establishing them forever, He made you king over them, to carry out justice and righteousness." **2 Chronicles 9:8 NASB** (Solomon)
- How can I cooperate with Jesus to see the works of the devil destroyed in my life and family?
 - Make God you focus, not the enemy!
 - ²⁸ Therefore they said to Him, "What are we to do, so that we may accomplish the works of God?" ²⁹ Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent." **John 6:28-29 NASB**
 - Believe the declaration of how the Gospel of the Kingdom works
 - ¹⁹ Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless *it is* something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in the same way. **John 5:19 NASB**
 - ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own, but the Father, as He remains in Me, does His works. ¹¹ Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves. ¹² Truly, truly I say to you, the one who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do; because I am going to the Father. ¹³ And whatever you ask in My name, this I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do *it*. ¹⁵ "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. **John 14:10-15 NASB**
 - Cooperate with God's transformation process. (Romans 12:1-2, John 5:19 & James 4: 7-8)
 - **12** Therefore I urge you, brothers *and sisters*, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which*

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is your spiritual service of worship. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. **Romans 12:1-2**

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- ⁷ Submit therefore to God. But resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Come close to God and He will come close to you. Cleanse *your* hands, you sinners; and purify *your* hearts, you double-minded. **James 4:7-8 NASB**
- Recognize the sequence found in James 4:7-8... Submit to God first, then resist the devil... draw near to God and he will draw near to you.
- Ask God to fill you with the Holy Spirit and touch you with His power. (1Corinthians 2:4-5)
- Believe the truth of 1 John 4:4, greater is He than you, than he is in the world.
- We overcome the evil one by the Authority and Power of Jesus in us. We overcome evil with good... love is a mighty force!