

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

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“YOUR ADVERSARY THE DEVIL”

by Charles Box

The Devil is the adversary of every godly person. An adversary is “one who opposes or fights against another; an enemy.” In every sense of the word the Devil is the enemy of Christianity. “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the Devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour” (1 Peter 5:8). Satan is opposed to all that is true, pure and decent.

The Devil resists all that is good. God is for “every good work” and the Devil is opposed to all that is good (Titus 3:1). The Devil also tries to destroy good names because, “A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, loving favor rather than silver and gold” (Proverbs 22:1).

The Devil perverts all that is true. The Devil will bring “savage wolves” in among God’s people to pervert God’s truth. “For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock, also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. Therefore watch...” (Acts 20:29-31). The Devil so perverts and corrupts God’s truth that people, “exchange the truth of God for the lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever” (Romans 1:25).

The Devil defiles all that is pure. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God” (Matthew 5:8). The goal of Satan is to defile the hearts of those who would follow Jesus. “But Peter said, ‘Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of...”

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).

**VISITORS,
WELCOME!**

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP

5:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes for all ages & Pew Packers on 1st & 3rd Sundays at 4:15 p.m.

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...the price of the land for yourself?” (Acts 5:3). Satan constantly fills hearts with all kinds of evil. “For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. These are the things which defile a man...” (Matthew 15:19-20).

The Devil saddens all that is joyful. Those who faithfully serve Jesus have “joy inexpressible”. “Whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory” (1 Peter 1:8). The Devil does all he can to destroy that joy. Remember, Peter describes the Devil as “a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.”

The Devil corrupts all that is decent. The Devil causes people to leave God and turn to all kinds of corruption. Read Romans 1:22-27 and see how corrupt man becomes when he follows Satan.

The Devil profanes all that is holy. The Devil does all he can to pollute, defile and profane holy things and holy lives. God does what He can to produce holiness. God desires holiness because His nature is holy. “But as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, ‘Be holy, for I am holy’” (1 Peter 1:15-16).

Both the work of the Devil and the end result of His labor are heartbreaking. The state of being lost forever, with the weeping and gnashing of teeth, is caused by the Devil, “the accuser of our brethren” (Revelation 12:10). He will pay a terrible price for his action as will all who follow him. “Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels’” (Matthew 25:41).

You can avoid being with Satan in eternity by gospel obedience and living the Christian life. Those who are under Christ’s control will live a faithful Christian life in His church. Those who are under Satan’s control will not. Who is the controller of your life? It is either Christ or Satan. Your life cannot be controlled by both. Whose side are you fighting on?

Have you obeyed the gospel of Christ? To become a Christian you must hear the gospel (Romans 10:17), believe that Jesus is the Christ (Hebrews 11:6), repent of sins (Luke 13:3), confess Christ as Lord (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized to wash away sins (Acts 22:16). God wants all responsible people to choose to obey the gospel of Christ and to stay faithful to Christ.

Charles Box preaches for the Walnut Street Church of Christ in Greenville, AL.

Managing Anger

by Mike Riley

(slightly edited by C.A.)

The following are seven biblical keys in managing the anger that we all experience from time to time in our lives:

- 1) **Resolve To [Manage Anger](#)** — The Proverb writer tells us, “He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, And he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city” (Proverbs 16:32, NKJV).
- 2) **Realize The [Cost Of Uncontrolled Anger](#)** — Once again the Proverb writer gives us warning and advice in this regard. “An angry man stirs up dissension and a hot-tempered one commits many sins” ([Proverbs 29:22](#)). “A patient man has great understanding, but a quick-tempered man displays folly” ([Proverbs 14:29](#)). “A quick-tempered man does foolish things” ([Proverbs 14:17](#)).
- 3) **Reflect Before Reacting** — “A man’s wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense” ([Proverbs 19:11](#)). “A fool gives full vent to his anger, but a wise man keeps himself under control” ([Proverbs 29:11](#)).
- 4) **Release Anger Appropriately** — Holding our anger inside ourselves is not good for us either mentally or physically. The apostle Paul tells us, “In your anger, do not sin. Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry” ([Ephesians 4:26](#)).
- 5) **Retrain Our Responses** — Paul tells us in [Romans 12:2](#), “Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the [renewing of your mind](#).”
- 6) **Relate To Patient People** — It’s a lot easier to control our anger if we learn to associate ourselves with patient people. The Proverb writer tells us, “Do not make friends with a hot-tempered man, do not associate with one easily angered, or you may learn his ways and get yourself ensnared” ([Proverbs 22:24-25](#)). “He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm” ([Proverbs 13:20](#)).
- 7) **Rely On God’s Help** — Sometimes, we forget the obvious. Asking God to help us in times of anger, will help us keep our anger under control. Paul encourages us, “May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus” ([Romans 15:5](#)).

If we will incorporate the above seven biblical keys in managing our anger, we’ll lead happier, and more productive lives in the Lord’s service ([1 Corinthians 15:58](#)).

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Nora Boling returned to the hospital on Wednesday and was there for several days. She has received a cortisone shot in hopes to relieve the pain in her hip.

Wiley Tuggle, had a 2nd run of tests and found that he has a cyst on one kidney and an enlarged heart. He is taking medication for the cyst and doing well he says.

Chris Holmes; Betty Tuggle; Caleb Baker.

Tim II, Rachel, & Titus Wilkes with full time mission work.

SYMPATHY:

Joe Culbreath--passed today. Let us keep sister Betty and Joe's family in our prayers.

Doc Hunt--Jared's grandfather, passed away Tuesday. The funeral was Thursday. Let us remember the Hunt & Brown families in our prayers.

All the families that lost loved ones, suffered injuries or physical damage from the recent storms.

Family & Friends

Richard & Pat Allen--Richard is one of the elders at the congregation in Monroe, GA. His wife Pat has been battling cancer for some time and is not doing well.

Gilbert & Nancy Ray--Gilbert is another of the elders in Monroe, GA. His wife's (Nancy) mother (Eva Speakman) passed away.

Jo Smith--daughter of Sara Norris.

Margie Verrell; Wilton Wooten; Clay Collums; Bob Spurlin; David Bragg; Brianna Edwards; James Angel; Steve Angel; Dave Leonard, Sr.; Gloria Angel.

Let us not forget to pray for the works being done through Fishers of Men, Far East Missions, and the Open Door Ministry.

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world (1 Peter 5:8, 9).

Get Involved!

2nd Annual NW MS Gospel Meeting

May 2-4--David Lipe

SNFTS--May 1

Tonight after PM Services.
Bring finger foods and contacts!

Coldwater Workday--May 7

Coldwater Lock-in--May 20

Area Wide Youth Devo--May 21

5PM @ Looxahoma building.

Coldwater VBS--June 12-16

SLCC--June 19-25--Session 2

Camp Applications in Foyer.

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, May 1

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.
Announcements	Jared Brown
Song Leader	Caleb Baker
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jason Bayless

Assist

Jerry Davis
Jeremy Moore
Adam Sowell
Wiley Tuggle
Clifton Angel
Ron Johnson

Opening Prayer
Sermon
Closing Prayer

Evening

Song Leader	Caleb Baker
Opening Prayer	Jim Jackson
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jason Bayless
	Jeremy Moore
	Andy Ratliff

Closing Prayer

Wednesday, May 4

Song Leader	Caleb Baker
Prayer	Johnny Bayless
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell