STUDY QUESTIONS CONTINUED

- 6. What are some changes you can make in your life to have victory over Satan?
- 7. Our relationship with Jesus is crucial to have victory over Satan. How is your relationship with Jesus Christ? Is He first in your life?

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

The word "gospel" means "good news." The Gospel, or good news, of Jesus Christ is that He did what no one could ever do. You see, God loves us, but ever since Adam and Eve sinned against God, every human being has sinned and therefore cannot come into God's presence because He is holy and perfect. As much as we try, we cannot bridge the gap to God because of our sinful nature. We can never be good enough to reach God. Good works, religion, philosophy and morality all fall short of God's perfection.

God loves us so much that He sent His Own Son, Jesus Christ, to bridge the gap (John 3:16). Jesus did what no one else could ever do because He is both God and human, born to Mary. He took upon Himself the punishment we deserve, dying on the cross in our place. Now, through a relationship with Jesus Christ, we can come before a holy God. That is the good news! We enter a relationship with Jesus by placing our faith and trust in Him and Him alone for our salvation. Do you have a relationship with Jesus Christ?

The good news doesn't end there. Not only can we have eternal life through Jesus, but we also now can live without being condemned because of sin. Jesus paid the price for our sins, and He lives within those who have placed their trust in Him. In Christ, not only have we secured our future in eternity with God, but we have the Holy Spirit living in us to help us today to live for Christ. For more information on how to know God, check our website at www.gbcmilescity.com.



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SERMON NOTES

THE CHANGE AND CURSE OF SATAN

Lucifer - Before his Fall "Shining One"

Luke 10:18

I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning – speaking of Satan's judgment by God and curse imposed upon him.

Isaiah 14:12-15

"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! *How* you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! ¹³ For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; ¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' ¹⁵ Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit."

Lucifer's objective was a takeover. How was Satan going to accomplish this?

Revelation 12 tells us Satan had even succeeded in enlisting one third of the angels to his cause.

This is where Genesis 3 comes into play.

The Weapons of Satan

1) Power and Wealth – "The world has been handed over" to him temporarily

Luke 4:6 - And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for *this* has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.

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1 John 5:19 – "The whole world lies in the power of the evil one."

2) Deception

John 8:44 – "He...does not stand in the truth because there is nothing in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar, and the father of lies."

3) Opposition

If Satan cannot get you to believe his lies or fall into one of his traps, he will turn around and oppose and resist anything you try to do for God.

4) Accusation

The name Devil means "The accuser of our brethren" (Revelation 12:10)

The Conquest of Satan

James 4:7 – "Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you."

Victory for the Believer

Revelation 12:10-11 - Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

- A) By the Blood of The Lamb
- B) By the Weapon of Calvary

Confess the sin within

SERMON NOTES CONTINUED

Jesus has claim over my life. We give testimony to the reality of the risen victorious Christ.

C) They loved not their lives even unto death through our changed lives the weapon of Commitment

Be on the alert

Be active in this warfare

Galatians 2:20 - I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

STUDY QUESTIONS

- 1. Do you believe that Satan is real? What are your reasons why or why not?
- 2. What was Satan's sin?
- 3. How does Satan use power and wealth to tempt us?
- 4. What are some common lies that Satan tells us today?
- 5. In what ways does Satan accuse and oppose what the church is doing?