

The Lord's Prayer

Deliver us from evil

Part 2 - Lost & Restored Dominion

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Rescued from the Dominion of Darkness

Colossians 1:13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, **14** in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

- Jesus has rescued us from the dominion of darkness by His Blood
- But that does not mean we are immune to warfare

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Colossians 1:15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. **16** For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. **17** He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.— NLT2

➤ Jesus is the IMAGE of the invisible God

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18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. **19** For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, **20** and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.— NLT2

- He is the Head of the Church
- His Blood reconciled all things to God

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21 Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. **22** But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— **23** if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant. – NLT2

- Once we were alienated from God - We were enemies in our minds!

How to BE Made New in the Attitude of Our Minds

Ephesians 4:17 So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. **18** They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. **19** Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed. – NLT2

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Ephesians 4:**20** That, however, is not the way of life you learned **21** when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. **22** You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; **23** to be made new in the attitude of your minds; **24** and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. – NLT2

Made New in the Attitude of Our Minds

Paul in Acts 26:**15** And I said, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ And the Lord said, ‘**I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. 16** But rise and stand upon your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, **17** delivering you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you **18** to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’ - ESV

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Doctrines of demons – Mind Warfare in the Last Days

1 Timothy 4:1 The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. **2** Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron. **3** They forbid people to marry and order them to abstain from certain foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and who know the truth. **4** For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, **5** because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer. – NLT2

Doctrines of demons – Mind Warfare in the Last Days

➤ Observations

1. Mind warfare becomes more intense as the Day of Jesus' Coming approaches
2. In the Last Days – People will not “put up” with sound doctrine
3. “Sound doctrine” – The teaching as delivered by Jesus and the Apostles
4. People being deceived referred to here are people in the Church
5. These are people who at one time were in right relationship with God – False Teachers
6. Their consciences (ability to discern good from evil and right from wrong) have been seared or destroyed and unable to function
7. The deception they believe come from deceiving spirits – doctrines of demons (Literally)
8. I believe we are seeing this happen in our culture right now!
9. UNDERSTAND that this is a false church rising up

➤ What are some of the doctrines of demons?

- Truth is Relative – You alone will be able to decide between good and evil
- God's Word is full of errors and unreliable
- Hyper-grace – Jesus paid the bill for sin so you are free to live as you want and obedience to God is optional
- Love means accepting every person's version of truth and affirming them in that truth
- If I speak out against sinful behavior – I will turn people off to the Gospel (Read Sermon on the Mount again . . .)
 - I have had more leaders confront me with this
 - They confuse love and approval
 - I can love everyone like Christ Jesus – BUT, as a follower of Jesus I am compelled to tell the truth

Doctrines of demons

2 Timothy 4:3 For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. **4** They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. **5** But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. – NLT2

Mark 8:38 If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels.” – NLT2

Response

➤ Discussion:

1. What impacted you most from the Word today? What will your response in obedience to God be?
 2. Comment on the Scripture: **Mark 8:38** If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels." – NLT2
- Pray for the Remnant Church to be raised up in courage, power, and multiplication of disciples