

## Exposing Enemy Tactics

The definition of tactics is “an action or strategy carefully planned to achieve a specific end”. **1 Peter 5:8 (NLT)** *Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.*

Peter writes “*Watch out*”...“*your great enemy*”.....“*prowls around looking*”.....“*for someone to devour*”.....

In John 10:10 Jesus describes the main goal of satan’s tactics “*The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.*”

**The good news is that Jesus defeated and disarmed satan by His death on the cross and resurrection.**

**One of the tactics he uses to do this, is by attacking the conscience.**

**In our time together, we will be looking at how we can defend against satans attack on our conscience, by dismantling three specific lies that he uses with this tactic.**

- **You’re STILL GUILTY**
- **You’re NOT FORGIVEN**
- **You’re TOO FAR GONE**

### **You’re STILL GUILTY**

**All of us have experienced that annoying realization, after giving into temptation...that you weren’t as helpless as you thought you were.**

- **Sometimes temptation can feel so intense that it can make you feel like you’re drowning and desperately grasping for air.**

**God has given us all that we need to be victorious over the pressure of temptation and sin, through His word, the Holy Spirit, and community.**

- **Meaning that the believer, is never helpless when experiencing temptation.**

But what do you do when you know you've wronged God and feel guilty because of your sin? *Ephesians 1:7* *In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.*

**But guilt becomes a bad thing whenever satan gets involved.**

**The truth is that** because of what Jesus has done we are no longer guilty but declared righteous. *2 Corinthians 5:21* *For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

*Zechariah 3:2, And the Lord said to Satan "The Lord rebuke you, Satan! The Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you...!"*

Satan also wants to believe the lie that...

### **You're NOT FORGIVEN**

One of the problems we experience, after we sin, is that satan plants the thought in our heads that God's grace for us is limited.

*Romans 5:20* *Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more.*

**Satan is so tricky here....**because he knows that distance from God puts the believer in danger of entering a cycle of sin and shame.

*Psalms 32:3-5* – *David said - When I kept silent, my bones grew old Through my groaning all the day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer, I*

*acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden.....I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah.*

**Doing this cleanses our conscience from guilt and shame** *Hebrews 10:22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.*

Satan also wants us to believe the lie that...

**You're TOO FAR GONE**

**One of satans most effective tactics is getting people to believe that God is done with them after they sin.**

**We have to remember that no matter how great our sin is, or how many times we've done it....we are never too far gone for the grace of God.**