

Alpha Week 7
Session 12
How Can I Resist Evil?

“The weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.”

2Corinthians 10:4

1. How do you feel **about the existence of a real devil or Satan**? Were you aware of what the Bible has to say about this topic?

2. If I believe in the spirit realm and recognize that there are good and evil in the world, is it more or less reasonable to assume that the evil I see could be caused by spiritual forces that are intent on my (other's) destruction?

3. Do you believe that there is **evidence to show that evil is alive and well** on planet earth today? To what would you attribute that?

4. What do you believe Jesus meant when he said “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.”? (**Jn 8:31-32**)

5. John 10:10 clearly indicates a difference between Satan's job description and Jesus'. How do you feel about each description? Do you believe these different roles are real?

6. Read **Matthew 4:1-11** on the temptation of Christ pertaining to doubting God being Provider, Protector and source of Power. How does/could that help us in everyday life?

7. **The Bible states that Satan is a liar (John 8:44)** and that his two major means of lying are through temptation and accusation. He either tempts us to believe that there's no real problem with self-indulgence that is sinful. He then accuses us that we are too “bad” for God to forgive or accept us. Ever felt that way? Feel that way now? What's the truth?

8. Go over each piece of **the full armor of God** (Ephesians 6, Page 68 in Alpha Manual) and relate each of those pieces of armor as representing the person of Jesus Christ. What would that tell me about the importance of knowing God in every one of those ways, particularly in light of the evil around us?

9. Read **1 John 3:8**. In light of the resurrection of Jesus what do you believe the Apostle John is communicating? What do you think destroy means here?

10. Read **1 Corinthians 2:14-16 (pg. 1733)** What does this passage seem to be saying in regards to understanding the activity of things in the spirit world? Who is the “natural man”? Who is the person with the Spirit? (Relate this as being in Adam or in Christ)

11. **If the Bible clearly states that entering** into a relationship of forgiveness, acceptance and new birth in Christ is ours only through our belief in the work of the cross, what word would you use to describe believing that we are brought into a relationship with God or getting into heaven because of our efforts to be good enough to be accepted by Him? *Let this go for a while and then throw out the word, “evil” if not already mentioned. Is “evil” too strong of a word to describe that?*