

I. REVIEW AND INTRODUCTION

A. Opening Text:

- **Matthew 16:18**

NKJV "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it."

- **Prevail** = to gain ascendancy over, through strength or superiority.

B. Session Two: The Help of the Local Church

- There is a supply that comes through the five-fold ministerial offices and other members of the local church that every believer needs.

C. Session Three: The Right Foundation

II. DEMONSTRATE SATAN'S DEFEAT

A. Ephesians 3:8-12

NKJV "To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; **to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly *places***, according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him."

Vs. 10 NIV "His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms..."

1. **God is making some things known—His manifold wisdom—that supersedes all other wisdom.**
2. **He is making things known to PRIINCIPALITIES and POWERS in HEAVENLY PLACES.**

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3. Who are these principalities and powers in heavenly places?

- **Ephesians 6:10-12**

NKJV "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*."

AMP "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this [present] darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) *places*."

PASTOR'S NOTE: *There are spiritual forces at work in this world—the forces of darkness, Satanic forces at work. According to this passage, God is making HIS WISDOM / HIS ABILITY / HIS POWER known to these unseen spiritual forces in heavenly places.*

4. How does God make this known to these spiritual forces?

- **Ephesians 3:10**

NKJV "...to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known **by the church** to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places."

- BY THE CHURCH!
- The Church is to be a living witness of God's wisdom and power to the forces of darkness!
- How is God going to demonstrate Satan's defeat? BY THE CHURCH!
- Every day that we live in Christ...
 - We demonstrate the goodness of God.
 - We demonstrate the covenant of God.
 - We demonstrate Satan's defeat.

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B. Jesus Destroyed the Works of the Devil

1. In the garden, at the fall of mankind, God declared the coming of One who would crush the head of Satan.

- **Genesis 3:15**

KJV "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel"

AMP "And I will put enmity (open hostility) Between you and the woman, And between your seed (offspring) and her Seed; He shall [fatally] bruise your head, And you shall [only] bruise His heel."

PASTOR'S NOTE: *When Satan thought he had gained an advantage over God by securing the authority of the human race on earth, God had a plan! That plan was JESUS, who would fatally bruise the head of Satan—CRUSH.*

*In the process, Jesus would be bruised. HIS HEEL WAS BRUISED TO CRUSH THE HEAD OF SATAN. The process of defeating Satan was that Jesus would be bruised on our behalf. But by His bruises, **Satan would literally be defeated.***

- **Isaiah 53:4-5**

NKJV "Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. But He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed."

2. Jesus came to do exactly what God said: to destroy the works of Satan.

a. **1 John 3:8**

KJV "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."

b. **Colossians 2:14-15**

NKJV "...having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way,

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having nailed it to the cross. **Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.**

AMPC "...[God] disarmed the principalities and powers that were ranged against us and made a bold display *and* public example of them, in triumphing over them in Him *and* in it [the cross]"

3. Jesus' Part / The Church's Part

- a. Jesus came and did His part through His death, burial, and resurrection. NOW it is up to the Church to do their part.
- b. As the Church, we are to demonstrate the defeat of Satan.
 - We demonstrate the victory that Jesus achieved.
 - We do not fight to achieve the victory; we fight from the place of victory IN CHRIST.
 - We are not fighting a losing battle; WE ARE FIGHTING A WINNING BATTLE—a battle that was won over 2000 years ago.
- c. The Church is never to demonstrate personal defeat!
 - To hear the testimonies in most churches, you hear about how big the devil is, how hard things are, how we are barely going to make it in, pray that I can make it, I'm so crushed, I'm so weak, we are just trying to hold on, pray that we can make it.
 - This is not the Church demonstrating the manifold wisdom of God to principalities and powers in heavenly places. This is the Church letting the devil know that we do NOT know who we are.
 - The Word didn't say "let the weak say how weak we are", instead it says: **Joel 3:10 NKJV** "Beat your plowshares into swords And your pruning hooks into spears; **Let the weak say, 'I am strong.'**"

4. Demonstrating Satan's Defeat

- a. It is my **right**:
 - To be free, to be healed, to be blessed, to be prosperous, to be strong.
 - **Psalm 118: 24**
NKJV "This is the day the Lord has made, we [I] will rejoice and be glad in it."

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- b. It is my **obligation** to demonstrate Satan's defeat!
 - Anything that is in the covenant belongs to me!
 - If Christ provided it, it is my obligation to have it!
 - It is my obligation to be free.
 - It is my obligation to be healed.
 - It is my obligation to be blessed and prosperous.
 - **Nancy Dufresne:** *"I should be as rich as I am."*
 - **Pastor Dale:** *"I should be as healed as I am, as free as I am, as blessed as I am. It is my obligation to BE ALL that HE made me to be. In becoming who Christ made me, I am demonstrating Satan's defeat."*
- c. The early Church demonstrated Satan's defeat!
 - **Acts 3**—Healing demonstrated, lameness healed.
 - **Acts 5:15-16**—Signs and wonders demonstrating Satan's defeat.
NKJV "So that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid *them* on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed."
 - **Acts 5:19**—Angels assisted to open the prison doors for the Apostles, demonstrating that even the prison couldn't hold them.
 - **Acts 6:5-8**—Philip's ministry. **NKJV** "Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. And there was great joy in that city."
 - **Acts 9**—Aeneas is healed who had been bedridden for eight years. Dorcas is raised from the dead!
 - **Acts 12**—Peter is freed from prison by the angel.
 - **Acts 13:8-12**—When Elymas the sorcerer withstood Paul.
NKJV "But Elymas the sorcerer (for so his name is translated) withstood them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith. Then Saul, who also *is called* Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him and said, 'O full of all deceit and all fraud, *you* son of the devil, *you* enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord? And now, indeed, the hand

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of the Lord *is* upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a time.' And immediately a dark mist fell on him, and he went around seeking someone to lead him by the hand. Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had been done, being astonished at the teaching of the Lord."

- **Acts 14**—In Lystra, a lame man from his mother's womb is completely healed.
 - **Acts 16**—Paul and Silas' chains supernaturally fell off and their cell doors were opened!
 - **Acts 19**—The anointing upon Paul's handkerchiefs and aprons healed the sick and drove demons out!
 - **Acts 27**—A storm couldn't kill Paul nor could a poisonous snake.
 - When the snake attempts to bite, shake it off in the fire—demonstrating Satan's defeat.
 - **Mark 16:17-18 NKJV** "And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."
- d. Jesus crushed Satan's head. The Church should demonstrate that his head / authority has been crushed!
- **2 Corinthians 4:8-12**—Paul's Declaration
NKJV "*We are* hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; *we are* perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed—always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh"
 - We are not crushed because Jesus already crushed the enemy!
 - We crush the enemy because Jesus already crushed him on our behalf!