

From the Pastor's Desk.....

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.

1 Peter 5:8-10 NKJV

Hello family,

With all the craziness going on around us both internationally and locally, it's important that as Christians we remember who our adversary is.

His name is Satan.

His name (Greek- satanas) actually means "an adversary".

He is also referred to as the devil (Greek- diabolos) which means "an accuser, a slanderer". This name is used only in reference to Satan, and is not to be confused with the word daimon which means demon.

There is one devil and many demons.

The devil is the enemy of God and man, and he accuses man to God.

See [Job 1:6-11](#); [2:1-5](#), and [Revelation 12:9, 10](#).

He and his demons are all about deception, confusion, chaos, disruption, division, and anything else that they can do to cause destruction.

It's very important that as followers of Christ we are not believing the enemies lies. Especially in regards to false doctrine.

We get our teaching from God's word.

The devil would love to see Christians turn on each other and implode.

No matter what the topic or scenario might be, we need to remember that as brothers and sisters in the Lord Jesus Christ we are not always going to agree with each other, but we are still family in the Lord.

It's okay to not agree as long as we don't turn our disagreeing into a contest that seeks or demands a winner. When disagreement turns into conflict nobody wins and the devil has the opportunity divide and destroy.

We are instructed ([John 13:34](#)) and equipped by God ([Galatians 5:22,23](#)) to love one another even when we don't entirely agree with one another. So instead of giving ground to our adversary let's make sure that we are reading God's word and genuinely seeking to be pleasing to the Lord Jesus Christ, doing things His way and in service to Him.

In Christ's love,

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