

# THE FIRST JUDGMENT UPON SIN (PART 1): JUDGMENT UPON THE TEMPTER, THAT OLD SERPENT CALLED THE DEVIL GENESIS 03:14–15

## ***Introduction***

Adam sinned, and when he sinned he immediately suffered terrible consequences. The consequences of sin are covered in the former passage (Gen 3:7-13). Now comes the judgment upon sin. Sin is to be judged; perfect justice is to be executed. It was true in the beginning with Adam; it will be true with us in the final judgment of all men. This passage covers the first judgment ever pronounced upon earth. It covers *The First Judgment upon Sin (Part 1): Judgment upon the Tempter, That Old Serpent, Called the Devil*. (See note 1, Gen 3:1 for just who or what the serpent was, a creature serpent or Satan Himself.)

- I. He was cursed above all creatures (v. 14).
- II. He was to crawl upon his belly: to be detested, degraded and miserable — always (v. 14).
- III. He was to eat dust: to be defeated and humiliated — always (v. 14).
- IV. He was to be the object of enmity — enmity was to be waged between him and the woman and her seed (v. 15).
- V. He was to be crushed by one particular seed or descendant of the woman (v. 15).

## **I. *Genesis 03:14 Serpent, the Cursed Creature***

The tempter was cursed above all creatures. Two points need to be considered in this part of the judgment.

1. Was the serpent a literal serpent or a reference to Satan himself? This has already been discussed in a previous note (see note 1, Gen 3:1).
- a. James Montgomery Boice holds that the serpent is to be understood as literal. However, before the curse, he walked upright and was a most magnificent creature. Boice says:

*There is something very striking in this literal judgment. We do not know what the serpent looked like before this judgment, though he must have been a beautiful and upright creature, perhaps the most splendid of all the creatures. Nor do we know precisely when the judgment here pronounced was executed, though it was probably at this point. What we can know — because we can put ourselves in their place — is the horror of Adam and Eve as they heard the voice of God and witnessed the terrifying transformation of this once beautiful creature into the hissing, slithering,*

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*dangerous creature we know as a snake today. They must have recoiled in mortal fear, recognizing that God had every right to pronounce this same or even a more terrible judgment on themselves. They must have expected that He would do so, and the devil must also have expected this judgment.* (James Montgomery Boice. *Genesis*, Vol. 1, p. 159).

- b. Other scholars hold that the serpent was literal, but he was a reptile from the beginning, not necessarily a magnificent, upright creature. (Derek Kidner. *Genesis*, p. 70) .
- c. Scripture says this when referring to Satan and these two verses of judgment upon the serpent (vv. 14-15):

**Rom 16:20** *The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.* (this is clearly a reference to Gen 3:15).

**Rev 12:9** *The great dragon was hurled down — that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.*

**Rev 20:2** *He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years.*

- d. The present passage of Genesis 3:14-15 definitely refers to Satan. Therefore, if the serpent is to be understood in a literal sense, then the passage must have a double reference. It must refer to both the serpent as a creature and to Satan who is “that old serpent, called the Devil” (Rev 12:9). This will be clearly seen as we discuss the specifics of the judgment upon the tempter.

=> For example, in the third judgment, the serpent is condemned to eat dust (v. 14c). Snakes do not eat dust. This is symbolic language meaning that the tempter is to *eat the dust* of defeat and humiliation.

=> Another example is the reference to the seed of the woman and the seed of the serpent (v. 15). This curse of God is not talking about all the little snakes crawling all over the world. It is referring to the followers of that “old serpent, called the Devil” (Rev 12:9). As stated, the judgment definitely refers to Satan. If a serpent creature is also involved, then the judgment has a double reference to both Satan and the serpent creature (see note 2, Gen 3:1).

- 2. The tempter was cursed above all creatures. All creation was affected by the sin and fall of man:

=> All creatures were cursed and condemned. But note: the serpent and tempter were *cursed above all* other creatures.

=> Man and woman were condemned (vv. 16-19).

=> The earth with its vegetation was cursed (vv. 17-19).

The point is this: the judgment upon the tempter was the most severe judgment pronounced by God. Note exactly what Scripture says: “Because you have done this

— because you are the tempter, because you tempted and led man to sin — you are cursed *above all other creatures*” (v. 14).

Man’s sin was most tragic, and the judgment he brought upon himself was terrible, but a way of salvation was to be offered to man. The earth also was to suffer a terrible corruption under the curse of God, but it, too, is to be delivered from the bondage of corruption and made incorruptible (Rom 8:19-21). But not the tempter. He is doomed forever. Scripture never says — not anywhere, not in any passage or verse — that the tempter will ever be saved and freed from the judgment pronounced upon him. In fact, Scripture declares the very opposite.

=> The tempter is to eat dust (be defeated and humiliated) *all the days* of his life (v. 14).

=> The tempter will eat dust in the future world, during the millennial reign of Christ upon the earth.

**Rev 20:2-3** *He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.*

**Isa 65:25** *“The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, and dust will be the serpent’s food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain,” says the LORD.*

=> The tempter, “that old serpent, called the Devil,” is doomed to an eternity in the lake of fire.

**Rev 20:10** *And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulphur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever. (see 19:20).*

The point is this: the tempter was cursed above all created creatures. There is no hope for him. He will never be freed from his judgment and condemnation, never freed because of his terrible atrocity against God and man.

## II. **Genesis 03:14 Judgment of Satan, Serpent**

The tempter was cursed to crawl upon his belly all the days of his life. This means he was cursed to be detested, degraded and miserable.

=> A crawling creature (e.g., a serpent) is the picture of a being that is detested, degraded, repulsive, contemptible and scorned — an abomination (Lev 11:42).

=> A body that bows low and clings to the ground is a picture of misery (Psa 44:25).

Note that this curse could apply either to the serpent or the devil. Most people despise, detest and scorn both. Even if this judgment is directed at the snake as an earthly creature, its main thrust is levelled at the devil who is the prime tempter of man. It is he — “that

old serpent, called the Devil” — that God is primarily judging and condemning. It was the devil who desired, planned and initiated the temptation, sin, and fall of man. The devil is condemned to be...

- despised
- degraded
- miserable
- detested
- repulsive
- abhorred
- hated
- scorned
- disgusting

**Thought 1.** One of the names given Satan is Beelzebub. The name means the god of flies, the god of filth or the god of dung. Satan is known as the god of unclean spirits (see *Beelzebub*, Mk. 3:22).

### III. *Genesis 03:14 Judgment of Satan, Serpent*

The tempter was cursed to eat dust all the days of his life. This means he is cursed to be defeated and humiliated. In the Scripture, *to eat or lick dust* means to be defeated, to be humiliated.

**Psa 72:9** *May the desert tribes bow before him and his enemies lick the dust.*

**Isa 49:23** *“Kings will be your foster fathers, and their queens your nursing mothers. They will bow down before you with their faces to the ground; they will lick the dust at your feet. Then you will know that I am the LORD; those who hope in me will not be disappointed.”*

**Micah 7:17** *They will lick dust like a snake, like creatures that crawl on the ground. They will come trembling out of their dens; they will turn in fear to the Lord our God and will be afraid of you.*

Donald Grey Barnhouse says,

*To eat dust is to know defeat, and that is God’s prophetic judgment upon the enemy. He will always reach for his desires and fall just short of them. There will be continuous aspiration, but never any attainment, (Donald Grey Barnhouse. Genesis, Vol. 1. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1970, p. 22).*

Again, if the judgment is against the serpent as a creature, the major wrath is still thrust against the devil. “That old serpent, called the Devil” is condemned to be...

- defeated
- triumphed over
- disgraced
- smashed
- smashed
- shamed
- overthrown
- humiliated
- debased

**Thought 1.** Satan has been defeated and always will be. His final destiny is utter destruction in the lake of fire.

**Luke 10:17** *The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.”*

**Rev 20:2-3** *He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.*

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#### **IV. Genesis 03:15 Enmity between the Tempter and the Woman and Her Seed**

The tempter was to be the object of enmity: enmity was to be waged between him and the woman and her seed throughout history. The word *enmity* (ebhah) means hatred, antagonism, hostility. In the Bible it is always used to refer to the enmity between people, not animals. This fact alone, as well as the rest of this part of the judgment, points to the tempter being the devil and not just a serpent. (H.C. Leupold. *Genesis*, Vol.1, p. 164).

1. There is always to be enmity between the tempter and the woman.
  - a. It is God who puts enmity between the serpent and man. It is God who stirs man to oppose evil. It is God who says “I will put enmity.” Enmity is usually sinful, but enmity against evil is a virtue. Believers are to always be angry at sin and stand against all evil. (See note, Eph 4:26-27 for notes on *Anger*.)
  - b. This enmity actually began when woman was first created. James Montgomery Boice points out that Satan hated woman from the moment she was created. But now — from the moment of this judgment — woman was to hate Satan. She might love her sin, but she would also hate it. As Boice says,  
*When we sin, we often find that we like the sin but want to escape sin’s consequences. We would like to destroy ourselves in comfort, like the addict destroying himself in the dreamlike stupor of debilitating drugs or booze. We would like to go to hell happy.* (James Montgomery Boice. *Genesis*, Vol 1, p.162)
  - c. Woman was to also hate the destruction Satan and his evil wrought upon her family through divorce, illness, accident, drugs, alcohol, war and death. History shows that woman, by her more delicate and parental nature, is much more sensitive to sin and its effects upon human families and society. She usually hates and attacks injustice and evil with a greater diligence — not always, but usually.
  - d. Note another fact as well: Satan would never be able to dominate the woman entirely. He had attempted to conquer the human race by getting the woman and man to act selfishly — to do their own thing — against God. This they did — acted selfishly — sought to do what they wanted. But in this act of selfishness, Satan doomed himself, for man would forever act selfishly. Man would forever tend to selfishly put himself before anyone and everything, including Satan. Satan may want the human race to do

his bidding, but most men usually seek their own desires and lusts. In the words of Donald Grey Barnhouse,

*[Satan] does not want the good of the race nor does the race want his good. Each, in fact, selfishly desires his own good. Therefore, there can be no...coalition between man and Satan. A few may become the children of the devil, but the majority are...addicted to the love of their own interests.* ( Donald Grey Barnhouse. *Genesis*, p. 23).

The point is this: even the selfishness of Satan and the selfishness of the woman (mankind) was cursed to enmity. God put enmity (antagonism) between the selfishness of Satan and the selfishness of the woman — selfishness acting against selfishness. God used the very thing Satan injected into the human race — selfishness — to doom Satan to defeat. Satan would never be able to conquer the human race because most of the race would always act selfishly, seek after their own desires, even before the desires of Satan.

2. There is always to be enmity between the seed (offspring) of the tempter and the seed of the woman. Who is the seed (offspring) of the tempter or serpent?

The serpent's seed could not be all the snakes of future generations which were yet to be born. Such an interpretation just makes no sense. In addition, as stated above, the word *enmity* always refers to hostility between persons, not creatures. It is also doubtful, very doubtful, that the serpent's seed would be referring to the demons who serve under Satan. Satan does not bear demons as *offspring*: demons are not increasing in numbers. They were all created by God as angelic beings and fell from their exalted position when Satan fell. Who then is the seed or offspring of "that old serpent, called the Devil?" Who are the children and descendants of the devil? Scripture tells us: the seed or offspring of the devil are...

- Persons who live after the lusts of the flesh

**John 8:43-45** *You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire.*

- Persons who are enemies of God, those who deny, curse, neglect and ignore God

**Rom 5:10** *For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!* (see Rom 5:6-9).

**Col 1:21** *Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behaviour. But now he has reconciled you.*

- Persons who are adulterers and adulteresses

**James 4:4** *You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.*

- Persons who commit sin

**1 John 3:8** *He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.*

- Persons who are unrighteous and do not love others

**1 John 3:10** *This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother.*

The seed (offspring) of the devil refers to the ungodly men and women upon earth, and the seed of the woman refers to the godly men and women of earth. There are two seeds upon earth, two offsprings, two descendants:

- => Those who follow after righteousness and those who follow after unrighteousness.
- => Those who follow after the way of God and those who follow after the way of self and the devil.
- => Those who follow after the good of God and those who follow after the sin and evil of the devil.
- => Those who follow after God Himself and those who follow after the devil himself.

The godly seed of the woman is in a struggle against the ungodly seed of the devil. This verse — Genesis 3:15 — is a prophecy of human history. History is to be a great struggle between good and evil among men and nations. History is to be a stage upon which the play of conflict is to be acted out, a conflict between the godly and the ungodly — between the good and the evil — upon the earth. There is a good and godly seed upon earth, and there is an evil and ungodly seed upon earth. There is a godly humanity and an ungodly humanity upon earth, and there always will be.

But note this: God will not let Satan triumph. There will always be godly people upon earth. No matter how much Satan tries to destroy godliness upon earth, God will make sure there are always some godly people someplace upon earth. Satan and his followers will never be free from the enmity they feel toward the godly, the true followers of God. The ungodly will bum with enmity against true godliness as long as the earth stands.

**John 16:2-3** *“They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, a time is coming when anyone who kills you will think he is offering a service to God. They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me.”*

**John 15:20** *“Remember the words I spoke to you: ‘No servant is greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also.”*

**John 16:1-4** *“All this I have told you so that you will not go astray. They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, a time is coming when anyone who kills you will*

*think he is offering a service to God. They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me. "I have told you this, so that when the time comes you will remember that I warned you. I did not tell you this at first because I was with you."*

**1 Th 3:3** *So that no one would be unsettled by these trials. You know quite well that we were destined for them.*

**Phil 1:29** *For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him.*

**2 Tim 3:12** *In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.*

**1 John 3:13** *Do not be surprised, my brothers, if the world hates you.*

**1 Pet 4:12-14** *Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.*

## **V. Genesis 03:15 The Tempter Crushed by the Seed of the Woman**

The tempter was to be crushed by one particular seed or descendant of the woman. This is a glorious promise: some descendant of the woman was to destroy the serpent. The serpent would strike the descendant's heel and bruise him, but the descendant would strike the final and fatal blow. The descendant would crush the serpent's head. This is definitely a promise of the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. Note: this is the first promise of the Saviour in the Bible, and the promise is unconditional: the Saviour would come and He would destroy the serpent (tempter) in order to reconcile man with God. This is what is known as the *Adamic covenant*, God's unconditional promise to Adam and man, the unconditional promise to send the Saviour to deliver man.

Verse fifteen is also known as the *Protevangelium*, which means the very first declaration of the gospel. Note several facts.

1. The New Testament clearly tells us who *the promised seed* is. The seed may sometimes refer to the descendants of humanity or Israel, but the primary meaning of *the promised seed* is singular: it is Christ Jesus Himself.

**Gal 3:16** *The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. The Scripture does not say "and to seeds," meaning many people, but "and to your seed," meaning one person, who is Christ.*

2. *The promised seed* is said to be the seed of the woman, not of the man. This points toward the virgin birth — the incarnation — of Christ.
3. The devil — from this point on — would try to destroy the seed of the woman. But note: God never said which woman would bear the seed. Satan was always left



guessing. In fact, Satan has tried from the very beginning to destroy the seed of the woman. He has been waging war against the *Seed* of God, the Saviour of the world, ever since God promised to save the world. The great Baptist preacher W.A. Criswell points this out by tracing some of the attempts of the devil throughout the Bible. (W. A. Criswell. *Expository Sermon On Revelation*, Vol. 4. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1969, PP. 86-87) For clarity the attempts are put in chart form.

***The Seed or Line Through Whom the Promised Seed Was to Come (=>)***

***The Strategies of Satan to Destroy the Seed or Devour the Child and God's Great Deliverance (\*\*)***

=> *There was the line of Abel, Adam's Son.*

\*\* Satan led Cain to kill Abel, but God gave Adam another son, Seth (Gen 4:1f).

=> *There was the early line of the godly seed.*

\*\* Satan led the godly line to mix with the ungodly and led them into such vile wickedness that God had to destroy the earth. But God raised up Noah (Gen 6:5f).

=> *There was the line of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.*

\*\* Satan led Esau to threaten to kill his brother, Jacob. But God protected Jacob (Gen 27:41f).

=> *There was the line of the children of Israel.*

\*\* Satan led Pharaoh to attempt to kill all the male babies of Israel. But God saved Moses (Exo 1:8f).

=> *There was the line of David.*

\*\* Satan led several of David's sons into sin, led them to commit murder and disqualify themselves from the godly line. But God always kept at least one son of David alive (2 Sam 13f).

=> *There was the line of the sons of David.*

\*\* Satan led Jehoram, one of Jehoshaphat's sons, to kill all his brothers. But God caused sons to be born to Jehoram to carry on the line (2 Chr 21:1 f).

=> *There was the line of Jehoshaphat's sons.*

\*\* Satan led an enemy to come in and kill all the sons but one — Ahaziah (2 Kng 8:251).

=> *There was the line of Ahaziah.*

\*\* Satan led Jehu to kill Ahaziah, and the queen's mother, Athaliah, took over the throne and killed all the sons but one. God led the wife of the high priest to save one small baby, Joash. At this point the line of the promised seed rested in the saving of this one little baby's life (2 Kng 9:11f).

=> *There was the line of the chosen people.*

\*\* Satan led King Ahasuerus to plan to exterminate all of God's people. But

God gave him a most restless and frightening night of sleep. The king, therefore, spared the chosen line (The Book of Esther).

=> *There was the line of the Promised Seed, Jesus Himself, at His birth.*

\*\* Satan led King Herod to slay all the babies in Bethlehem in an attempt to kill the promised child. But God warned Joseph and told Joseph to flee with the child (Mt. 2:1f).

=> *There was the line of the Promised Seed, Jesus Himself, at his temptation.*

\*\* Satan tempted Jesus to cast Himself down from the pinnacle of the temple, to secure the loyalty and worship of the people by a spectacular sign instead of the cross. But Jesus chose God's way, the way of the cross, instead of Satan's way (Mt. 4:1f).

=> *There was the line of the Promised Seed, Jesus Himself, at his hometown, Nazareth.*

\*\* Satan led the citizens of Nazareth to try to cast Jesus off the cliff of a hill, but Jesus escaped (Luke 4:29).

=> *There was the line of the Promised Seed, Jesus Himself, in facing the religionists.*

\*\* Satan led the religionists to hate Jesus and to plot His death time and again (Jn. 7:1f). But Jesus escaped time and again.

=> *There was the line of the Promised Seed, Jesus Himself, on the cross.*

\*\* Satan led the world to put Jesus on the cross and to kill Him. But God raised Jesus from the dead (Jn. 19:1f).

This is how Satan has attempted to hurt God, by doing all he could to devour the woman and her godly descendants down through the centuries. He did all he could to keep the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, from being born. Now that Christ has come, Satan does all he can to turn people away from repentance and from following the Lord. Even when people do repent and turn to follow Christ, Satan does all he can to turn the followers of the Lord away from Him.

4. *The promised seed* of the woman, the Lord Jesus Christ, was to crush the head of the serpent. Jesus Christ crushed Satan when He died upon the cross.

a. Christ crushed Satan's head by never giving in to the devil's temptations (Mt. 4:1-11) and by never sinning (2 Cor 5:21; Heb 4:15; 7:26; 1 Pet 1:19; 2:22). Christ lived a perfect life; he was perfectly righteous. Therefore, He became the Perfect Man, the Ideal Man, the Ideal Righteousness...

- whom all men are to trust
- whom all men are to follow
- whom all men are to use as the *pattern* for their lives (see note, Mt. 8:20)

Satan was defeated in that an Ideal Righteousness was now provided for man. Man could now become acceptable to God by putting on the righteousness of Christ through faith (2 Cor 5:21; Eph 4:23-24. See *Justification*, Rom 4:22; 5:1.)

- b. Christ crushed Satan's head by dying *for man*, by bearing all of man's guilt and punishment for sin. On behalf of man, Christ took all of man's sins upon Himself and bore the judgment of God against sin. He is the *Ideal Man*, so His death becomes the *Ideal Death*. Just as His *Ideal Righteousness* stands for and covers every man, so His *Ideal Death* stands for and covers every man. Consequently, the penalty and punishment for sins has now been paid. Man no longer has to die and be separated from God (see *Death*, Heb 9:27). The way to live forever in the presence of God is now open. Satan's power is broken and destroyed.

**Heb 2:14-15** *Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death — that is, the devil — and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.*

**John 12:31-33** *“Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.” He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die. (See Jn. 14:30, esp. v.28-31; 16:11.)*

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

- c. Christ crushed Satan's head by being raised from the dead. Again, as the *Ideal Man*, Christ's resurrection becomes the *Ideal Resurrection*. His resurrection stands for and covers every man. Note two facts.
- 1) It was the *perfect spirit of holiness* (perfect righteousness) that raised up Christ from the dead. Death could not hold perfection, for death is the result of sin. Christ, being perfect, was bound to arise.
  - 2) When Christ arose, He triumphed over Satan, openly showing that death is the work of Satan. Death is not to be the natural experience of man. Death was never the purpose of God; life is the purpose of God. The resurrection of Christ openly shows this.

**Col 2:12, 15** *God who raised him from the dead...And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.*

- d. Christ crushed Satan's head by His Incarnation, that is, by coming into the world and being revealed as the Son of God. Think about it: the fact that the Son of God came into the world destroys the works of the devil. As soon as the Son of God appeared on the scene, His coming meant that the works of the devil were to be destroyed.

**1 John 3:8** *He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.*

**John 3:16-17** *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send*

*his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”*  
(see Jn. 3:18-21).

- e. Christ crushed Satan’s power to charge men with sin. Satan’s power *to charge men with sin* is now “cast out.” Men now have the power to escape the penalty of sin. Christ took the sins of men upon Himself and paid the penalty for their sin. He died for the sins of the world.

**1 Pet 2:24** *He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.*

**Rom 8:33** *Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.*

- f. Satan’s power *to cause death* is now “cast out.” Men no longer have to die. Christ died for man, became man’s substitute in death.

**Heb 2:14-15** *Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death — that is, the devil — and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.*

- g. Satan’s power *to cause men to be separated from God* is now cast out. Men no longer have to go to hell and be separated from God. Christ was separated from God for man (see note, Mt. 27:46-49). Man can now be reconciled to God and live forever.

**1 Pet 3:18** *For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit.*

**Rom 8:11** *And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.*

- h. Satan’s power *to enslave men* with the habits of sin and shame is now *cast out*. By His death, Christ made it possible for man to be freed from sin. The believer, cleansed by the blood of Christ, becomes a holy temple unto God, a temple fit for the presence and power of God’s Spirit. Man can now conquer the enslaving habits of sin by the power of God’s Spirit.

**1 Cor 6:19-20** *Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own. You were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your body.*

**1 John 4:4** *The one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. ■*