

Safford Church of Christ

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Topics

A.M. Bible Class:

Meeting needs (John 4)

A.M. Lesson:

Commitment (Acts 2:42)

P.M. Lesson:

Purpose of parables (Matthew 13:10f)

Wednesday:

Wake up from moral lethargy (Romans 13:8f)

Pulpit Evangelist

Ken Knowlton: 428-3494

Elders

Greg Briggs: 428-8756

John Cunningham: 428-0895

Sunday Bible Class	10:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:30 P.M.
Wednesday Evening Class	6:30 P.M.
Thursday Ladies Bible Class	11:00 A.M.

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" Psalm 122:2
Please silence your cell phones and other electronic devices.

Power over the enemy

Bill Williams, Jackson, MO

Every day we engage in a spiritual battle with the enemy. This enemy has been around since creation. He is devious. He is powerful and if we think too long about it, we could feel overwhelmed by the idea of Satan and his forces. Scripture even tells us that he walks around like a lion, seeking people to devour (1 Peter 5:8).

However, Scripture also tells the Christian of some powers that God has granted to us over the devil. Let us look at three of those things.

1. **Power to deny**—In Ephesians 4:26-27, Paul tells us, *Be angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not give the devil an opportunity.* When we are frustrated with things in this world and anger threatens to cause us to sin, don't go too far. We have the power to deny the devil a hold in our heart.

2. **Power to resist**—in James 4:7-8a, James gives us a deeper explanation of the power we have. *Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.* When we seek to be closer to God and submit to his will, we have the power to cause the devil to flee from us. The devil will run from us when

we run to God.

3. **Power to stand**—Returning to Ephesians, we see in 6:11 our power to stand under the attacks of Satan. *Put on the full armor of god, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.* He may seem strong. He may seem too big. He may threaten to overwhelm us with life and temptation, but when we are armored with truth, righteousness, the gospel, faith, salvation and the word of God, we can boldly stand in the battle.

We have the power of god in our lives to protect us from the forces of darkness in this world. There is nothing that the devil can tempt us with that can separate us from god if we seek him as our stronghold.

Remember the words of Paul in Philippians 4:13 as he was imprisoned and looking at death. *I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.* When we seek God's power and submit to him, we do not need to fear our enemy for God in Christ gives us the victory.

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, NRSV)

When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. (2 Timothy 4:12)

What some people think about works and salvation



Because the child freely chose to lift the fork to his mouth, he therefore worked for his food... even though the father did everything. He worked for the money for the groceries. He even cooked the food and set the table.

Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted... (Romans 6:16-17)

But not all have obeyed the good news; for Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" (Romans 10:16)

News:

Mike Cavassos' twin brother Mark is receiving treatment for a heart aneurysm.

Floyd Dodd is receiving treatments for cancer

Prayer List:

Hattie Hedrick—poor health

Tatyana Knowlton—macular degeneration

Ken Cocke—back and shoulder pains

Janet Radar—nursing home

H.L. Boling—general health and complications from leukemia

Mike Cavassos—constant pain, foot surgeries

Sandy Cavassos—degenerative disk disease

Nic and Ani Self—health and personal needs

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