

April 03, 2022 - Christ came to destroy the works of the devil.

Christ mission

He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy(*to unbind, to loosen the pains of death*) the works of the devil. (*one who falsely accuses and divides.*) **Satan slandered God in paradise.** 1 John 3:8

The devil's mission compared to Christ's mission

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. John 10:10

Having disarmed principalities and powers, He(*Christ*) made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it. Colossians 2:15

Notice these Scriptures are written to professing followers of Christ

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles(*an orderly scheme*) of the devil. Eph 6:11

Eph 4:27 - neither give place to the devil

Humility is key to walking in the victory given us by Christ

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. Be sober, (*be watchful*) be vigilant; (*transferred in meaning from physical to spiritual, a mindfulness of threatening dangers*) because your adversary (*enemy, opposition*) the devil **walks about** like a roaring lion, **seeking whom he may devour.** 1 Peter 5:6-8

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there. James 3:13-16

Pride - Isa 14 - Pride brought about Peter's fall

What must our reaction be as His followers?

We are called to join Him in His mission. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, Colossians 1:13

Know that we have a wicked enemy whose goal is to destroy us and others.

Walk in humility so you don't become a tool of the evil one.

Walk in the assurance that Christ has completely defeated the enemy and has secured your victory.