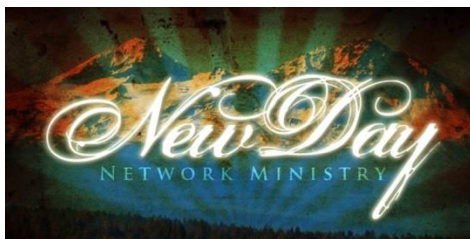


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1 Corinthians 10:13b*



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## **The Battle is Real!**

Many times even believers and followers of Christ, forget that we have an enemy who has declared all out war against our Heavenly Father and all that belongs to Him. Satan has already lost the war, but continues to relentlessly lead skirmishes, day in and day out.

We may be tempted to be unkind, judgmental, self-centered, uncaring, unfaithful, unconcerned... any number of ungodly attitudes which must be conquered in order to please our Heavenly Father! Oh, you KNOW that Battle is Real!

***1 Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you, but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.***

Satan's presence, power, and plans are not new; he hates God, everything and everyone connected to God, and he still desperately wants to be God; oh yes, he has already been defeated for eternity! Yet the truth about Satan has been greatly distorted and glamorized in this present age. But be aware of the warning in ***1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour...***

While there are times, we as God's children feel like the world is winning the battle against us; each of us face and must deal with temptations that are common to all of us. Even Jesus was tempted, yet without sin. In Matthew 4:3-11 we see that Jesus was led into the desert by the Holy Spirit and there, Satan came to tempt Him. Jesus gives us a secret to the victory over temptation: the Word of God.

The details may be different, but three basic ingredients are common to all temptations: All temptations are aimed at lust, pride, and greed. Satan's methods have not changed through the centuries. Temptations do not come from God, according to James 1:13, although He does allow them into our lives. Temptations come from Satan. But in addition, we see in James 1:14 that we are tempted when we are ***"carried (drawn) away and enticed by our own lust"***. We, in our own strength and the flesh don't really help the situation!

Yet, we can be victorious over temptation because of the faithfulness of God. God will never run out on you! He will walk with you through the deep valleys and offer an escape, if you will only follow and trust Him. The temptations you face are the same old ones, and *God is faithful* to always provide a way for you to resist them. Sometimes a simple "NO" will do, but at other times long term resistance is required. There are times when we must flee, as Joseph did in Genesis 39 when tempted by Potiphar's wife. All temptations do not require the same resistance. When tempted, again remember in Matthew 4, that Jesus resisted the devil by responding with the Word of God.

Remember your temptation is common, but God is faithful, and He will not allow you to be tempted above what you are able to resist in His Strength. Never forget ***Ephesians 6:10-18***. Read and apply it every day to your life: ***Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.***

So, stand, brothers and sisters in Christ, in the power of HIS Might!



## ***I Love HIS Church Day!***

What a wonderfully beautiful day to celebrate Christ's Church through baptism and the Lord's Supper this past Sunday! We gathered to hear the Word of God and to share in the testimony of six precious souls who followed the Lord in believer's baptism. This was our first baptismal service and it was an exciting day for us all. Then we participated in the Lord's Supper and all that it means for those who are in Christ. The fellowship meal following services was just the icing on the cake.

By God's grace alone, we are growing and learning to "be family" together as we are "FINDING FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD... TOGETHER.

***But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.***

***1 John 1:7***

*One of our new friends in Faith sent this note which we want to share in part: What an amazing service... so moving watching people wash away the past and live a whole new cleansed life of salvation...we love leaving church with healed hearts and a spring in our step! Love our new church home!*



## ***Please PRAY with us for:***

- \* Those who need a Savior, restoration, and renewal of soul.
- \* Families surrounding 502 Pike Street and through-out Superior
- \* That Clark Fork Fellowship will point people to Jesus 7 days a week
- \* The Superior Senior Center and its work
- \* Opportunities to serve outside the church walls
- \* Mission Teams and Ministry 2024
- \* These United States in times of natural disaster, man-made destruction, and spiritual decline
- \* Repentance, Mercy, & Healing in each of our lives, in His fellowship, in this town, in our nation, and in the world

***If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14***



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