

WHO ARE YOU?

Hello I'm Jim Fuller I'd like to share a few thoughts and some scriptures with you.

After Jesus's baptism at the Jordan River, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, He was led into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit to be tempted by Satan.

In Luke 4.14 Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit and news about Him spread throughout the surrounding district. He began teaching in their synagogues. When He came to the synagogue in Nazareth, His hometown, He found the scroll of Isaiah and read.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are downtrodden, to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord.

This statement about "the favorable year of the Lord," was part of the levitical law, called the Year of Jubilee. Every 50th year, all debts were released, and all property returned to its original owner, because God said, the land is mine.

It was a year of rejoicing in God's goodness to them. And it was a picture foretelling the ultimate freedom that Christ would make available to God's children and the whole world. The time when all of creation would be set free from its slavery to corruption under Satan's control, into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. Romans 8 20 + 21

Jesus's life on this planet was the expression of the life that God has made available to His children. Although He had the same flesh and blood as we do, He functioned in the authority and power of God, by the Holy Spirit.

God's Holy Spirit within him empowered Him to continually overrule sickness, death, natural processes and natural laws.

When John the Baptist was in prison, he sent his disciples to Jesus to ask if He really was the Messiah. Jesus answered and said to them, go and report to John what you see hear and see. The blind receive sight and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

These next scriptures testify of His oneness with God and His submission to God's purposes.

Acts 10:38

You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

1st John 3:8

The Son of God appeared for this purpose, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

During His temptation in the wilderness, Satan offered Jesus the Kingdom's of this world if He would bow down to him. Satan said, the kingdoms of this world and all of their glory have been handed over to me. Many people, including Christians, don't like the idea that Satan is the ruler of this world. Because we've lived our whole lives in this natural world, and have become very accustomed to it, many of us have lost sight of the fact that this whole world system is a product of a lie from Satan. We've been born into it and influenced by it our entire lives.

Ephesians 2.1-3 reads,

You were dead in your trespasses and sins, and which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. Among them we all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and we're by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

We were formerly under the influence of Satan, but now because of Christ's amazing sacrifice, and our death and resurrection with Him, we are under a new Authority. The kingdom of God.

Colossians 1:13 says,

He delivered us from the domain and authority of darkness and translated us into the kingdom of His beloved Son.

In Isaiah 49.24, the prophet Isaiah asked the question, Can the prey be taken from the mighty man, or the captives of a tyrant be rescued? Surely thus says the Lord, even the captives of the mighty man will be taken away, and the prey of the tyrant will be rescued, for I will contend with the one who contends with you, and I will save your sons.

In Matthew 12.29, Jesus said, How can anyone enter the strong man's house and carry off his property, unless he first binds the strong *man*? And then he will plunder his house.

Revelation 1.17 + 18 says, Do not be afraid, I am the first and the last, and the ever living one and I was dead and behold, I am alive for evermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hell.

Although we have been translated out of Satan's authority into the Kingdom of God, this world system is still in place and continually resists the plan of God.

But Jesus gave us the power of attorney to use His name to enforce His victory over Satan and fulfill God's Great Commission of reaching every nation, tribe and people group to be members of His family and citizens of His kingdom.

Revelation 12.11 declares about the saints that, they overcame Satan by the blood of the Lamb, the word of their testimony and that they loved not their lives unto death.

In Matthew 16.17 Jesus said I will build my church and the gates of Hell shall not overpower it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven and whatever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven and whatever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Please note that gates are not an offensive weapon. They are purely defensive. Which means that the kingdom of God is aggressively challenging every rule of Satan.

God's kingdom is above every other Kingdom. It will not coexist with any Kingdom, spiritual or natural, or anything that we've allowed to rule in our hearts.

1st Thessalonians 1.5 the apostle Paul states that, Our Gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit.....

In Acts 19.13 there's a story about seven Jewish exorcists. They went to a demon-possessed man and said in the name of Jesus that Paul preaches come out of him. The man replied, I recognize Jesus, and I know about Paul, but who are you? Then the man, possessed by the evil spirit, leaped on them, subdued all of them and overpowered them so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

Those seven exorcists mimicked the words of Paul. But they were not in relationship with the Living God, and we're not able to exercise His authority and victory over Satan's works.

When we accepted Christ, we rejected our old unfixable nature that we inherited from Adam and Eve. We exchanged it for the eternal life of God that He has made available to His children by inheritance. Everything about our lives should be a constant challenge to the work of Satan in our hearts, in our circumstances, and in our world.

So that when Satan challenges us with the question, and who are you? We need to meet him with the reality of our oneness with Christ and the power and authority of God's Holy Spirit.

If all we have is the teaching of salvation, and not the gospel of the Kingdom, which gives us the eternal relationship, the oneness with God, and the authority of His Holy Spirit our efforts against the works of Satan will probably come out like those Jewish exorcists. We need the authority and power of God, made possible by the presence of His Holy Spirit in us to fulfill His Great Commission, to bring all men into the family of God, and make them citizens of his kingdom.

Let's repent of ourselves and allow God's Holy Spirit to be Lord in our lives and empower us with God's Authority to manifest God's eternal life and overrule every effort of Satan that we come in contact with.

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