

Notes in the Devil's Tale

Scripture Reading: **Genesis 2:16-17; 3:1-4**

Introduction

- 1. In our text for this morning it is seen that the devil just added the one word NOT to the law of God.**
 - A. A word that brought death, sorrow and all of its woe to a world of mankind.**

- 2. I've seen many pictures of the old devil, but the photographer was never willing to sign his name – I never knew who he was.**
 - A. I've seen him pictured as beast like man with a long tail, dangerous horns, split hoofs, and a four pronged pitchfork in his hands, with powerful muscles to use that fork.**
 - 1) Where in the Bible did they ever get the material for that picture?**

 - B. In the Bible, he is pictured as a roaring lion (1 Pet 5:8). The lion doesn't roar until he leaps for his prey; thus without warning. His prey is startled and doesn't move.**

 - C. He is also pictured as a serpent (Gen 3:1-6). The serpent was the agent, mouthpiece through which the old devil worked.**

 - D. Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light (2 Cor 11:14); thus he appears in deceit and disguise.**
 - 1) His ministers are transformed into ministers of righteousness and this may well be our mental vision of the old devil at work today.**

2 Cor 11:15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

You Will Not Surely Die

Genesis 3:1-3

John 8:44 You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

- 1. Every pain, heartache, sorrow and death is because of sin, either in us or in someone else. Because of the sin of Adam and Eve, we are in a world of death.**
 - A. God said you will die; The devil just added one little word NOT that brought the penalty of God upon man.**

He That Believes and Is Not Baptized Will Be Saved

Mark 16:15-16

Acts 2:38

1 Peter 3:20-22

- 1. Jesus said “he that believes and is baptized will be saved.” Peter said “repent and be baptized for the remission of sins.”**
 - A. But, the old devil is saying he that believes and is NOT baptized will be saved. The devil through his servants is saying to the religiously inclined are you foolish enough to believe Mark 16:16?**
 - 1) What about all those “so called” Christian people who were never baptized? Mother, Father, Aunt, Uncle, Brother, Sister, Son, Daughter, Wife or Husband – they are in heaven and never were baptized. You see, the devil’s preachers are preaching just that!**
 - B. Peter said repent and be baptized for the remission of sins. The old devil is saying repent and be NOT baptized.**
 - 1) Yet the inspired apostle Peter said clearly that baptism saves us (1 Pet 3:21).**

The Lord's Supper Is Not Important

Luke 22:14-20; 28-30

1 Corinthians 10:16; 11:23

- 1. Some must believe the NOT in the Devil's tale. As a result, some brethren are weak and sickly and many sleep.**
 - A. Some do not partake of the communion in a worthy manner. The old Devil knows he has them right where he wants them.**

The Church is NOT Essential

Matthew 16:18

Acts 2:47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

Eph 5:23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

- 1. If the church is not essential, then why did Christ build it? Why did Christ add the saved to it?**
- 2. If church membership is not essential, then why is Christ coming back to save the church?**
- 3. Why did Jesus Christ die on the cross?**
 - A. To believe the old Devil is to say that Christ died in vain.**

Salvation is NOT in the Church

- 1. The old Devil will try to get you to think that one does not have to be in the church in order to be saved.**
- 2. Brethren and friends, it is absolutely necessary for one to be in the church in order to be saved!**

Isa 46:12-13 "Listen to Me, you stubborn-hearted, Who are far from righteousness: I bring My righteousness near, it shall not be far off; My salvation shall not linger. And I will place salvation in Zion, For Israel My glory.

Eph 1:22 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Acts 2:47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

Rom 8:1-3 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,

A. To be IN Christ is to be in His body; to be in His body is to be in His church; to be in the church is to be in Christ.

- 1) When that is the case, then we are under the cleansing power of the blood that flows in His body**

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

You Are NOT Old Enough to Obey the Gospel

1. The old Devil will try to get you to reason that you must take time to sow your wild oats before you obey the gospel.
 - A. He knows that the longer you wait, the older you get, the less chance there is for you to ever do that.
2. Think for a moment, do you know what the right thing to do is?
James 4:17
3. You are young, this is the time to remember God, your creator.
Ecclesiastes 12:1-8

Conclusion

1. Any one of these six NOTS in the Devil's tale will condemn our souls forever in eternity.
 - A. The Devil contradicts and blasphemes every one of the commandments of the gospel of Christ.
 - B. The condemnation of Christ awaits all who fail to obey the gospel of the Son of God
2 Thessalonians 1:7-9

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