

## Is the Devil Responsible for Our Sins?

Satan desires one thing, which is the spiritual demise of all humanity. He wants every soul to end up in hell with him (**Mat. 25:41**). Satan accomplishes his mission by getting people to live their lives in sin. Satan “*entered in*” Judas and caused him to betray the Lord (**Jn. 13:27; 18:1-5**). Satan “*filled*” Ananias’ heart to lie to the Holy Spirit (**Acts 5:3**). Satan “*deceived*” Eve to disobey the Lord (**1 Tim. 2:14; Gen. 3:1-6**). Jesus told Peter that “*Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not*” (**Lk. 22:31-32**). So when we sin, is the devil responsible for our transgressions because he caused us to do it?

The devil does tempt us to sin. He even tried to tempt Jesus to sin (**Mat. 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-13**). However, if the devil is responsible for our sins, then why will we one day be held accountable for them (**2 Cor. 5:10; Rom. 14:12; Jn. 5:28-29; Rev 20:11-12**)? It is because the devil cannot “*make*” us do anything. James said, “*Every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin.*” (**1:14-15**). The devil only tempts, and it is we who either resist or transgress. This is why God “*will render to every man according to his deeds*” (**Rom. 2:6**). We have the ability through Christ (**Eph. 6:1**); (**Phil. 4:13**) and the responsibility as Christians to “*Resist the devil, and he will flee from you*” (**Jam. 4:7**). After resisting, the devil leaves “*for a season*” (a while, but never for good) (**Lk. 4:13**). Nevertheless, we have “*endured*” that temptation to sin (**Jas 1:12**). Furthermore, with every temptation we are given all the help necessary to withstand the devil; as God will not allow any temptation beyond our individual power to resist, and also gives each and every one of us a faithful way out (**1 Cor 10:13**).

So when we give in to sin, it is our fault!

Richard Stevens  
via Hawn Freeway church of Christ Dallas, TX

### MINISTERS

**Pray for our  
Minister search!**

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### Assemblies

**SUNDAY**  
Bible Study 9:30 AM  
Assembly 10:30 AM  
Assembly 5:00 PM  
**WEDNESDAY**  
Bible Study 6:30 PM



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*“...speaking the truth in love...” Eph. 4:15*

**February 27, 2022**

## What can we know about Heaven? Part 2

**It is a place of Joy** – “*I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.... In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.*” (**Luke 15:7, 10**)

**You will have a new Imperishable Body** - “*So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; ... I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.*” (**1 Corinthians 15:42, 50**)

**There will be no Darkness or Sun** – “*There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.*” (**Revelation 22:15**)

**There will be no Wickedness** - “*Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.*” (**1 Corinthians 6:9-10**) “*But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.*” (**Revelation 21:27**)

**There is a place Prepared for the Children of God** - “*In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.*” (**John 14:2-3**)

God loves us and is waiting for us to be with Him in heaven for eternity. ~Brad Tolbert

## Memory Verse

“For many are called, but few chosen.”

- **Matthew 22:14 (NIV)**

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## HEART-TO-HEART

As part of our minister search, **Josh Walker** of Memphis, Tennessee will be our guest speaker today. There will be a **Meet & Greet** from 2-3:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

**David Ray** passed away. The **funeral** will be held at **The Village church of Christ** in Hot Springs Village at 2pm on Saturday, February 26th. Please pray for **Loyce Ray** and the family.

**Crystal Gibson** died as a result of injuries sustained in a car accident on Wednesday. Let's pray for her family.

Former Harding University professor and author, **Eddie Cloer**, will be our guest speaker for Sunday morning service on **March 6th**.

All *Ladies* are invited to the **Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Class** every Wednesday morning at 10:00 in room 134 at the building.

**Best Choice labels** can still be put in the box in **room 134**. The redemption proceeds will go to the **Paragould Children's Home**.

## TODAY'S EVENTS

- Worship livestreamed at 10:30
- Meet & Greet from 2-3:00
- Evening Service at 5:00

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### Members:

Fern Baker...Linda Bates...Pam Beard...Tony & Judy Beard...Terry Boykin... Roger & Margaret Harris... Ray Leonard... Joe and Peggy Moore...Molly and Rebekah Perry... LaVerne Potter...Cheryl Shirey... Rita Stiles... Mandy Tolbert... Carolyn Wilson...Donnie & Janice Wright

### Shut-ins:

Jean Enlow...Betty McGuire...Bob & Pat Turner... Marie Wooten

### Serving in the Military:

Mollie Aldridge...Corey Bryant...Bradyn Curtis.. Noah Draper... David Foret... Tucker Koonce... Matthew May... Neil Rampy ... Christian Stepanovich... Mathew Tannehill...Curtis Walker

## SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Remington Barnett... Chris Beard...Rusty Blanks... Naomi Burrow...Kathryn Burton... Candice Carter... Alli Cooper...Crystal Gibson...Niyah Jacobs...Tina Jarvius...Johnny Jeter...Deane Johnson...the family of Jacqueline Johnston...Shirley Majors... Kathryn McDonough... Skylar McDougald... Kent Measal...Rick Naron... Austin & Andrea Oesch...the family of David Ray... Loyce Ray.. Christy Rice...Turner Roberts...Don & Suzette Russell.. Leah Rye... minister search.. Janice Sawyer... Keith Sorrel... Katie Strickland... Robert and Sue Thomas...Bob Tolson...Sissy Tucker...James Walton... William Woods... Sue Woodward...

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



Today!	27	Parks Michael Beard
Mar.	2	Ryan Usry
	3	Daniel Light
	9	Carolyn Wilson
	11	Joanna Meier Walter & Rita Stiles
	12	Barbara Durham
	17	Seth & Lindsey Baker
	18	Regina Dunn
	19	Brooks Newton
	23	Mathew & Samantha Tannehill

## Daily Bible Reading Schedule

28	Deut. 23-25
1	Deut. 26-28
2	Deut. 29-31
3	Deut. 32-34
4	Joshua 1-3
5	Joshua 4-6
6	Joshua 7-9



## Heart-To-Heart cont'd...

**A card of thanks:** "Dear church family, Thank you for the food, flowers, texts, calls, and especially all the prayers! We are so blessed to have a church family that is so loving! We are getting better day by day. In Christian Love, Mike & Pam Beard"

## Upcoming Gospel Meetings

### Rison church of Christ

with guest speaker *David Lipe*

Friday, March 11—7PM

Saturday, March 12—7PM

Sunday, March 13

Bible Class—9:30AM

Assembly—10:25AM\*

Evening—5:30PM

\*fellowship meal after service

### Pine Street church of Christ—Crossett

with guest speaker *James Rogers*

Sunday, March 6

Bible Class—9:30AM

Worship—10:30AM

Potluck Lunch—11:30AM

Evening Worship—6PM

Monday, March 7—Wednesday, March 9  
7PM each evening

## Attendance

Bible Class .....	77
Sunday AM Worship...	103
Sunday PM Worship .....	71
Wed. Evening .....	64
Contribution .....	\$4,195

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## MISSIONS

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## NURSERY

## Communion Preparation

Feb 27	Jamie Beard
Mar 6	Jamie Beard
Mar 13	Judy Beard
Mar 20	Judy Beard

## Ladies March Duties

Cards:	Jill Curtis
Food:	Fran Calvert Laura Smith