

## Know the Enemy

The surest protection against the enemy is a life that is yielded and submitted to Christ's Lordship. 1 John 5:19 says, "We know that no one who is born of God sins; but He who was born of God keeps him, and the evil one does not touch him." Also, Ephesians 4:26 says, "... do not sin and do not give the devil an opportunity." Sin gives the enemy an opportunity in our life. But for those who are living "in Christ," who is "in God," they are "kept by God, and the evil one does not touch them."

### 1. Satan's power has been "nullified."

- Heb 2:14 that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is the devil, and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.

### 2. You have authority over the enemy because Christ disarmed him.

- Col 2:15 When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

### 3. At the cross, the enemy was eternally judged.

- John 16:11 the ruler of this world has been judged.

### 4. The enemy operates through sin.

- Eph 4:26-27 Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on anger, do not give the devil an opportunity.

### 5. Submission and obedience expels the enemy is expelled.

- Jam 4:7 Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

### 6. The enemy attacks you through mind games that Paul calls "schemes" (lies, twisting the truth, distortion, and exaggerations). He subtly attacks your concept of God and self in an attempt to get you to agree with lies or to establish a new lie that will undermine your faith.

- Eph 6:11 Put on the full armor of God...you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

### 7. Freedom is the result of the truth.

- 2 Tim 2:25 God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their sense and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.

### 8. Ignorance leads to bondage.

- 2 Cor 2:11 So that no advantage would be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes.

### 9. Set your mind on Christ as your life, not the enemy!

- Rom 8:6 The mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace.
- 2 Cor 10:3-6 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. We are destroying speculations, and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.

### 10. You do not battle the enemy; Christ defeated the enemy for you already!

- Rom 16:20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of Jesus be with you.

### 11. The enemy cannot touch you.

- 1 John 5:18 We know that no one who is born of God sins; but He who was born of God keeps him, and the evil one does not touch him.

### 12. While you ought not to fear the enemy, you should respect that he is an active foe.

- Mark 5:8 For [Jesus] had been saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!"
- Jude 9 Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce a railing judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"