• THE DOCTRINE OF DEMONS:

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6 So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him 7 rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

8 See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

Colossians 2:6-8 (NIV)

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"As long as Scriptural truth is accepted and followed, Satan and his demons are stripped of their power to lead the child of God astray."

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THE DOCTRINE OF DEMONS

- DEMONS ARE REAL, PERSONAL, CREATED SPIRIT BEINGS WHO JOINED SATAN IN HIS ORIGINAL REBELLION, AND WERE CAST OUT OF HEAVEN.
- ALL DEMONS EXIST IN TWO CATEGORIES: UNCONFINED AND CONFINED.
- DEMONIC INVITATION: YIELDING TO SIN, SPIRITUAL REBELLION, DABBLING IN OCCULT ACTIVITY, UNRESOLVED BITTERNESS AND ANGER
- FOUR METHODS OF DEMONIC ATTACK: ACCUSATION, DECEPTION, INFLICTION, TEMPTATION
- THE CONTINUUM OF DEMONIC ACTIVITY AND INFLUENCE:
- OPPOSITION → INFLUENCE → OPPRESSION → OBSESSION → CONTROL → POSSESSION → DEATH

"Satan is always at church before the preacher is in the pulpit or a member is in the pew. He comes to hinder the sower, to impoverish the soil, or to corrupt the seed."

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¹ But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, ² by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron, 1 Timothy 4:1-2 (NASB)

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- 1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the aarden'?"
- 2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 3 but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die."
- 4 "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. 5 "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."
 6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Genesis 3:1-6 (NIV)

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- 1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.
- 3 The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."
- 4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone."
- 5 The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6 And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. 7 If you worship me, it will all be yours."
- 8 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only." 9 The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. 10 For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; 11 they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

12 Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test." 13 When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

Luke 4:1-13 (NIV)

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1 Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, 3 but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world. 1 John 4:1-3 (NIV)

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6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6 (NIV)