

ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sunday

Bible Class 9:30
Morning Assembly 10:30
Evening Assembly 5:00

Wednesday

Evening Bible Class 6:30

RADIO PROGRAM

The Bible Speaks



Sunday 9:00-9:30a.m.
KURM 790AM

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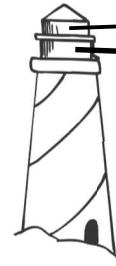
The letter 'I' is at
the heart of sin.

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How God Defeated Satan

The short answer to the question of how God defeated Satan is rather easy. He sent His Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. Case closed. End of story.

But the story is much more involved than that. The sacrifice of Jesus was certainly a critical step in God's victory over Satan. But it was just one step of many.

Before Genesis one, before the creation of the universe, God had a plan in place to address a problem that hadn't even happened yet. The

problem was a wholesale rebellion against Him. The adversary was Satan – the devil, the accuser. And while we know little of his activities before Ge 1:1, he is called a liar and a murderer (Jn 8:44). From his first appearance in the Biblical narrative, (Ge 3), he has proven to be both.

The issue at stake: God is a perfectly righteous God and will not fellowship sin, not even a little bit. Yet Satan has persuaded us **all** to sin – to rebel against God. That rebellion is not a shift in loyalty from God to

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FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER LIST –

Preachers we support: Japan, Philippines, Vietnam, Canada, Mexico, Peru, & U.S.
Sick: Gary Fletcher, Tony Tolbert, Rai Starr, Diane Willis & Gerald Robertson
Shut-ins: Betty Jo Young, Margaret Abel, Billie Pennington, Shirley Cole, Etta Frazelle, Mary Lou Lewis *Military:* Logan Dickey, Kyler Sullins, Sean Potter

NEXT SUNDAY – Next Sunday Sam Bunyard will visit with us about our training program. He will teach the morning class and preach at 5pm.

MONTHLY SINGING TONIGHT – We will have our monthly singing service tonight. All song leaders are encouraged to come prepared to lead.

Satan (at least not directly). Rather it is a shift of loyalty from God to **self**. Satan does not need us to fall before him and worship him. He is content with us worshipping ourselves. And he is very successful.

God's preemptive move against Satan was not simply to destroy him. That would have been a partial victory – but such a move would not have helped you and me. Instead, His move was The Plan – the scheme of redemption, the plan of salvation. It included creating a nation of people who would be loyal to Him (the church). Centuries of tutorial work (the Old Testament) prepared the way for this spiritual nation. And of course, The Plan included a Messiah – one who **did** live a perfect life, and thereby became a suitable sacrifice for the sins of humanity. But there is more.

This spiritual nation is comprised of those who have been, themselves, rebellious against God (**all**

have sinned), yet have come to Him through the Messiah, Jesus (faith in Him, repentance from sins, and immersion in water – Mk 16:16, Ac 2:38). And these people (the Bible calls them Christians) are not righteous robots. They have been **forgiven** of their sins – not once, not three times, not seven times, but seventy times seven (Mt 18:22). That is, as often as we need God's forgiveness, He is faithful to forgive (1 Jn 1:9). He is, after all, a God of grace and mercy.

And **that** is how God defeated Satan. It matters not how many times Satan succeeds in leading us away from God, if we have a heart of humble repentance, God will forgive us. Satan simply cannot keep up with God's grace.

Even as Christians we may still feel broken at times – weak and worthless. But remember this one thing: never give up on God, for He will never give up on you.

- *WKing*

Directions for Our Men: How to Update Job Assignment Choices

To update assignments online, go to <https://www.downtowncoc.net/>

Go to “Members” on the menu and login (if you don't have a login ID, go to “Register” instead of Login and fill out the form. Once approved, you will be able to login).

On the Member Dashboard page, click “My account settings” on far right.

On My Account Setting page, several updates are available to you:

- From the DIRECTORY tab, you can update **your** info (not family but **your** info on **your** tab)
 - o Nine-digit cell phone, if entered along with cell provider, will send you text messages for assignments five days in advance as a reminder
 - o E-mail, if entered, will also send you an e-mail reminder about job assignments
 - o **Be sure to click “Update” at the bottom of the page**
- From the PARTICIPATION tab, you can choose job assignments you are willing to perform, or unclick any you are no longer willing to perform (**Be sure to click “Update” at bottom of the page**)
- From the UNAVAILABILITIES tab, you can enter a date range indicating when you will be unavailable due to travel, vacation, etc. (**be sure to click “Update” at bottom of the page**)

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