

2 Corinthians 11:1-15; Revelation 12:7-17; Mark 8:27-38

## - The Devil masquerades in the myth that he and God are equally opposing forces.

- Satan was created perfect and good (Genesis 1:31-2:4; John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:15-20)...  
...and sinned/rebelled against God sometime after God’s work in the six days of creation were complete.
- Satan stands in God’s presence, **NOT** the other way around!
  - There is only room for one to represent humanity before God.
  - The death and resurrection of Christ expels Satan’s voice against us with God.
  - Satan being cast out of heaven was more merciful than the alternative he deserved!
- The Devil can only leverage the Law to separate us from God, so He equips the church for the work of reconciling with the Gospel!

## - The Devil masquerades in the mask that best suites his intention.

- Paul warns the Corinthian church to beware of false apostles and ‘gospels’.
  - Do not settle for a different Christ than revealed in Scripture!
  - Be weary when it sounds too good to be true...even the devils servants ‘masquerade as servants of righteousness.’
  - We need the Law **AND** the Gospel, lest we live comfortably in our sin!
- The Devil attacks the heart by deceiving the eye!
- The names that the devil and his demons hide behind conceal the reality of what they are.
  - Addiction, abuse, loneliness, self-worth, anger, pain, fear, deference, etc.
  - All intended to conceal the enemy masquerading with ‘solutions’.

## - The Devil's mask is stripped and his intentions are laid bare against the emptiness of Christ's cross!

- The Devil **MUST** submit to his creator...  
...even in rebellion, Satan is still subject to God’s Word.
- Our best means of exposing Satan’s lies is holding them up against God’s Word!
  - In conflict, remember who the real enemy is!
  - The affects of sin afflict **ALL** of creation...  
...so our common struggle against it is bound up together.
  - God **KEEPS** His promises, the Devil doesn’t!!
- The shadows of Satan’s lies are shattered in the truth of Christ’s light!

