

DESTROYING THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL

I John 3:8

1. JESUS CAME FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF DESTROYING THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL.
 1. We are faced with devastation and darkness.
 1. World motivated by hatred and greed.
 2. Every work vile work of darkness.
 3. Escalating war on drugs.
 4. Sexual immorality.
 5. Sickness and disease.
 6. Plagues and pestilences.
 2. We must never forget the thrust and focus of ministry--destroying the works of the devil.
 1. Preaching the cross of Christ.
 2. Declaring the power of the blood.
2. FOR THIS PURPOSE WAS THE SON OF GOD MANIFEST.
 1. I saw Satan as a bolt of lightning.
 2. No principality or power can stand before our Lord.
 3. *"And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it (the cross)"* (Col. 2:15).
3. IF JESUS TRIUMPHED, WHY IS THERE STILL MANIFESTATION OF POWERS OF DARKNESS?
 1. How long does evil abound? Sickness? Death?
 2. The works of God must be manifest in His body.
 1. Christ consists of the Head and the Body.
 2. No one person will do it.

3. Quit looking for that one superstar--if Jesus didn't do it, why do we expect any other one individual to do it?
4. It must be the Body of Christ arising in power and unity--to reveal the glory of God.
 1. To conquer the forces of hell.
 2. Putting Satan under our feet.
5. I Cor. 15:24-26 - *"Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death."*

4. TIME TO CAST OFF WORKS OF DARKNESS.

1. ro. 13:11-12 - *"And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light."*
2. Heb. 9:14 - *"How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"*