



Outline - Sunday, January 29, 2017

Sermon Title: Maturing in Christ “Deliver Me from Evil and Show Me Your Goodness”

Scripture Reading: James 1:13-16

1. God is not our Tempter: vs 13

- a. Because He is both full/integral - Holy - Acts 7:25/Ps 24:1/John 14:30/Heb 7:26
- b. Ask God to not “let you go” into temptation - Mark 14:38/1 Cor 5:4-6
- c. Recognize the devil’s work - 2 Cor 11:3 (your losing sight of Christ)
- d. Acknowledge it as evil - Ps 51:3-5
- e. Ask for deliverance from the evil ONE - Matt 6:13b
- f. And prove your allegiance to God: Ps 32:5-6 (Problem?)

2. The Fall of our First parents - due to four things: vs 14 - Gen 3:1-7

- a. Not *discerning* the Evil - Matt 6:13
- b. Not calling it sin - Matt 4:6-7 - (It is written) - Ps 119:105
- c. Not proving (their) allegiance to God - James 4:4
- d. They were drawn away from Christ - Prov 18:1

3. We’re having a baby and His name is called death: vs 15

(The inescapable process of sin leading to death)

- a. My *lover* is the devil - He entices my lust - 1 John 2:15-16
- b. Our *relationship* is sin - Ps 68:18 (I harbor/Sleep with/Iniquity)
- c. Our *child* is death - Rom 5:12/Gen 4:8
- d. And now our house is up for sale - Gen 3:23-24

4. The error of the ungodly is to blame God: vs 16 (The Whole World)

- a. Adam and Eve never confessed their sins - Prov 28-13/1 John 1:6-9
- b. They both blamed God - Gen 3:12-13
- c. Their tragic fall was the evidence of their sinning - “take away” Gen 3:22
- d. Truth says “I did this to myself” - Error says “God did this to me” Job 33:27

5. The True GOD only gives good GIFTS: vs 1:17-18 (we pervert them)

- a. The gift of life - Gen 2:7
- b. The gift of Grace - Gen 2:16/John 1:16-17
- c. The gift of faith - Eph 2:8-9/John 6:29
- d. The gift of Christ Himself - 1 Tim 2:5-6
- e. The signs of the covenant - The table/Water - Matt 28:19-20