

# **Three Relentless Enemies of the Soul**

Text: Ephesians 2:1-2 | James 3:15

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## **I. THE RELENTLESS ENEMIES WE FACE**

1. The world (v. 2) “walked according to the course of this world.”
  - (1) The world’s system is corrupt, evil, and against God.
  - (2) We are not to be a friend of the world (*1 John 2:15*).
  - (3) To be a friend of the world is to be an enemy of God (*James 4:4*).
2. The devil (*Eph. 2:2b*).
  - (1) The mastermind behind the world’s system.
  - (2) The prince and god of this world (*2 Cor. 4:3-4*).
  - (3) According to scripture, Satan is a liar and the Father of lies (*John 8:44*).
3. The third relentless enemy is the flesh (*Eph. 2:3*).

## **II. THE REMARKABLE DEFENSE WE HAVE**

1. Salvation (*Eph. 2: 4-5* - “quicken.”) Made alive.
2. The Spirit - to indwell, empower, give spiritual discernment, and lead us into all truth.
3. Supplication (prayer)
4. Scriptures - *Eph. 6:10-17; Mt. 4:1-11*