

Satan's Work Against Unbelievers

Text: 2 Corinthians 4:1-4

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I. SATAN OPPOSES THE SALVATION OF SOULS

- A. Satan is man's arch-enemy (*1 Pet. 5:8-9*)
- B. The root cause of the inability to understand and accept the gospel and spiritual things is three-fold
 - 1) Satan blinds the mind to the truth
 - 2) Sin
 - 3) The absence of the Holy Spirit's work (*1 Cor. 2:14; Jn. 16:7-10*)

II. GOD DESIRES ALL PEOPLE TO BE SAVED

- A. The scriptural basis for this truth
 - 1) *Ezk. 18:23*
 - 2) *Ezk. 18:32*
 - 3) *Ezk. 33:11*
 - 4) *1 Tim. 2:1-4*

III. GOD PROVIDED A MEANS BY WHICH ALL PEOPLE CAN BE SAVED

- A. The Savior, God's Son, Jesus
 - 1) *Jn. 3:16-17*
 - 2) *1 Jn. 4:9-10*
- B. The Scripture
 - 1) The word of God, the gospel, is how people are saved (*Rom. 1:16-17; 10:13-17*)
- C. The Spirit who initiates and consummates the process that leads to salvation
 - 1) The Holy Spirit draws
 - 2) The Holy Spirit convicts
 - 3) The Holy Spirit illuminates the human mind so that the mind can understand.
- D. The Saints to share the gospel (*Mt. 28:18-20*)