

Follow Up 1: OVERCOMING TEMPTATIONS

- **1 Cor 10:13** *No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.*

Matthew 3:13-17

- Again, Jesus was baptized to fulfill all righteousness (it was the right thing to do) ... not for the forgiveness of sin (he had no sin)
- We see that Jesus was attacked by Satan after his baptism.

Matthew 4

- As soon as Jesus says I'm ready to start my ministry, Satan starts to go after him in a concentrated way.
- For us, Satan isn't happy that we've gone away from his kingdom

(let them read) **Matthew 4:1-11**

1st Temptation: (verses 1-4)

- What is this temptation all about? (*let them answer*)
- -Self-reliance, just turn the stones into bread! Do it yourself!
- -Also, pride ... can *YOU* really turn stones into bread.
- -Also, some doubt of "if you are the son of God."
- -Also, physical appetites. For us we've got sexual appetite & physical appetite.

Ephesians 6:10-13

- be strong in God's strength, using his armor, not our own power.
- Satan is scheming, he's at work trying to pull you back...we are in a spiritual war (*How does Jesus overcome?*)
- Jesus uses Scripture to fight off Satan (he is quoting Deuteronomy 8:3 here.)

2nd Temptation: Matthew 4:5-7

- Satan is actually using the Bible here and twisting it. He is trying to misdirect Jesus by using the Bible. ("A little knowledge is dangerous.")
- If Satan knows the Scripture, how much more do you need to go after learning more of it?
- Example: Some people teach that once you are saved, you can never lose your salvation. They use John 10:28 ... *no one can snatch them out of my hand* (but you can choose to leave)
- **2 Peter 2:17-22** , **Hebrews 10:26-31** , **Hebrews 10:24-25** (need body)

3rd Temptation Matthew 4:8-10 Satan was going to give him all the glory of the world! If you'll just bow down.

- A lot of people compromise thinking to themselves "I'll get back to God. There will never be another opportunity like this, I have to take it!"
- But if it takes you away from the Body and God, then it's Satan trying to give you the world to bow down to him.
- Jesus once again, answers back with Scripture!!

1 Corinthians 10:12-13

- "I'm strong, I can handle it." That's when you have to watch out.
- Remember, be strong in The Lord, not in self.
- Every temptation (testing) is common, there is nothing unique
- There will always be a way out of temptation!

Matt.4:11 in the end, when we resist Satan, he leaves.

- Doesn't mean he won't come back, but we have victory as we keep fighting.

--Where are you being tempted? Tested?

--Sharing from others...what helped you stay faithful as baby Christians →Open & confessing: asking questions and seeking truth; building relationships; etc.

--Pray Together