

## Teacher's Choice with Tony - August 17, 2020

**Luk 11:14** And he was casting out a devil, and it was dumb. And it came to pass, when the devil was gone out, the dumb spake; and the people wondered.

**Luk 11:15** But some of them said, He casteth out devils through Beelzebub the chief of the devils.

**Luk 11:16** And others, tempting *him*, sought of him a sign from heaven.

**Luk 11:17** But he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them, **Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house *divided* against a house falleth.**

**Luk 11:18** If Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because ye say that I cast out devils through Beelzebub.

**Luk 11:19** And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your sons cast *them* out? therefore shall they be your judges.

**Luk 11:20** But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.

**Luk 11:21** When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace:

**Luk 11:22** But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils.

**Luk 11:23** He that is not with me is against me: and he that gathereth not with me scattereth.

**Luk 11:24** When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out.

**Luk 11:25** And when he cometh, he findeth *it* swept and garnished.

**Luk 11:26** **Then goeth he, and taketh *to him* seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first.**

**Luk 10:17** And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

**Luk 10:18** And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

**Luk 10:19** Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

**Luk 10:20** Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

I've put together two emails that are a response to the question below that was asked of someone a little while ago. I believe the subject matter would be edifying and is in some ways setting the stage for the upcoming Thursday study, Lord willing.

Here is the question asked:

*"My understanding on this isn't too clear. So we are as Christ was-overcoming in His flesh what He is continuing to overcome in the flesh of His body/ The Temple/ His House. But because He had the full measure of the spirit, those 7 spirits didn't dwell with Him as they do with us for a time, they were cast out immediately? Or is it better to say they couldn't even enter like the 7 plagues because of the blood on the doorposts?"*

Hi,

As Christ is so are we in this life as well ([1Jn 4:17](#)) overcoming the flesh and being judged ([1Pe 4:17](#)), and learning obedience by the things we suffer just as he did in sinful flesh that he was granted to rule over ([Heb 5:8](#)). All those things parallel with our life in Christ, and Christ was tempted in all diverse manner for our sakes as well. Christ's spirit was always right before God, but he was in sinful flesh that needed to be overcome, and did overcome, just as we are now more than conquerors through Christ's spirit that abides in His children ([Rom 8:37](#)). Christ also stated that the Adamic part of his life was not good, and in that statement we learn what God thinks of all flesh that cannot inherit the kingdom of God ([Mar 10:18](#)).

1Jn 4:17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

1Pe 4:17 For the time *is come* that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if *it first begin* at us, what shall the end *be* of them that obey not the gospel of God?

Heb 5:8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

Rom 8:37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

Mar 10:18 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? *there is none good but one, that is, God.*

All those who God is working with in this age will overcome through the faith of the son of God given ([Gal 2:20](#) , [1Jn 5:4](#)), and so we are as Christ was overcoming in His flesh receiving the measure of faith that we need to accomplish that which God has set before us to do, and that is to overcome the wicked one ([Rev 12:7](#)).

Without the devil in the picture as he won't be during the thousand year reign there is nothing to resist against so no one during that period can truly overcome or grow in the mind of Christ that overcame the devils spirit even as we are overcoming today through Christ. Interesting to note that after Christ overcame the temptations of the devil in the wilderness he came and preached the gospel, which tells us once God finishes the work of overcoming Satan in our lives ([1Jn 4:17](#)), then the gospel will go forth to all nations in the fulness of that event that the first resurrection will bring about and not in part as it is going forth today. The world will be flooded with truth and that seed of God's word won't return void ([Jas 4:7](#) , [Rom 8:37](#) , [Hab 2:14](#) , [Isa 55:11](#)).

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Rev 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Jas 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Rom 8:37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

[Hab 2:14](#) For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

[Isa 55:11](#) So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it.

Unless we see Satan cast down like lighting from heaven as Christ told his not yet converted disciples that he did within his own heavens there is no true overcoming ([Luk 10:18](#) , [Rev 20:7](#)). Christ was tempted and drawn away of the devil in his flesh and overcame him. So being enticed is not sinning, and God allowed for a spirit to draw him out into the wilderness ([Jas 1:14](#)). Christ grew throughout his life and matured spiritually, and the grace and faith that were granted him were the vehicle by which God accomplished this overcoming which required strong prayers and tears ([Heb 5:7](#)). Christ had to overcome his flesh, by the same spirit that we have today that was given to him without measure ([Joh 3:34](#)). God determined that Christ would not sin, which is expressed this way in ([Psa 91:12](#)) but that does

not mean that there would not be tremendous trials and cups to drink along the way which we know there was.

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Rev 20:7 And when the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison

Heb 5:7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.

Joh 3:34 For he whom God has sent utters the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure.

Psa 91:12 On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

The disciples healing the sick and casting out demons was no more than a wood, hay and stubble event as far as Christ was concerned, because he knew the greater challenge would be to overcome the devil who was likened unto a strong man who had bound our heavens. Christ can overcome that strong man for us today, and is the reason why we rejoice and again I say rejoice because our names are written in heaven (**Mat 12:29** , **1Jn 4:4**). Healing the sick and casting out the demons from others was sweeping the house, but it would take Christ bringing the comforter that the disciples would receive on Pentecost to be able to bind Satan, and for us today even that binding is a process that takes our enduring to the end through Christ and His body.

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**Mat 12:29** Or how can someone enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? Then indeed he may plunder his house.

1Jn 4:4 Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who

is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

Your brother in Christ,

Tony

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This second email was a further reflection and answer to the same question above:

*"My understanding on this isn't too clear. So we are as Christ was-overcoming in His flesh what He is continuing to overcome in the flesh of His body/ The Temple/ His House. But because He had the full measure of the spirit, those 7 spirits didn't dwell with Him as they do with us for a time, they were cast out immediately? Or is it better to say they couldn't even enter like the 7 plagues because of the blood on the doorposts?"*

I was praying that I could find an easier way or another way to explain these seven spirits worse that Christ also had to deal with in his life. So here goes a shorter version, I hope :)

If we live by every word of God, then how can those in the second resurrection experience the first and say they lived by every word?

The answer is they will experience it through God's elect, that part of their body, just as we all experience the preeminent resurrection of Christ by way of our head Christ who is our forerunner. There is an order of course to the resurrections ([1Co 15:23-24](#)).

**[Editor's Note:** in other words that order tells us blessed and holy is he who has part in the 1st resurrection - upon such the 2nd death has no power [Rev 20:6](#); therefore those in the 2nd resurrection do not experience the blessing of the first just as we don't experience being the head. However judgement is upon all ([2Co 5:10](#)) ]

[1Co 15:23](#) But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

[1Co 15:24](#) 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.

Christ was tempted in all diverse manner without sin, and also experiences our struggle of overcoming those seven spirits worse through us and tells us we will drink the cup, we will overcome 'through' ("*dia*" see [Mat 12:1](#) '*through*') [Col 1:27](#) , [Mat 20:23](#). Having the spirit without measure in his own fleshly experience of overcoming precluded that he would never succumb to the harlot spirit, or the mystery of iniquity spirit that was already at work as it says in ([2Th 2:7](#)). Those seven spirits worse are also tied into this statement as well that Paul said when he marvelled that the church was so quickly drawn back into the world (Asia)([Gal 1:6](#)) after having swept the house (*getting rid of wood hay and stubble*) to receive another gospel through another spirit, "the mystery of iniquity" at work.

[Col 1:27](#) To whom God would make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

[2Th 2:7](#) For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth *will let*, until he be taken out of the way.

[Gal 1:6](#) I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

Those seven spirits worse also represent the harlot churches, the churches of Asia that God used Paul to raise up. When we are in that transition of maturing as we come out of Babylon just like Paul and those who were predestined to be disciples indeed did, that transition can be expressed as "until he be taken out of the way" ([2Th 2:7](#)), which means that spirit is going to be destroyed by the brightness of His coming, or the strong man (Satan) will be bound by Christ.

God's elect are called and chosen out of the seven spirit worse churches of Asia which is where we initially sweep the house and sincerely repent and start our walk with Christ in the church of our choice as we use to say. Then Christ chooses those who are predestined to be called and chosen out of the church in the wilderness (*represented by the 7 churches of Asia*), the *ekklēsia* (*ekklēsia* of [Mat 16:18](#)) or the (*klētos* of [Mat 22:14](#)) to become the chosen bride of Christ or the (*eklektos* of [Mat 22:14](#)).

## G1577

ekklēsia

*ek-klay-see'-ah*

From a compound of [G1537](#) and a derivative of [G2564](#); a *calling out*, that is, (concretely) a popular *meeting*, especially a religious *congregation* (Jewish *synagogue*, or Christian community of members on earth or saints in heaven or

both): - assembly, church.

**G2822**

klētos

*klay-tos'*

From the same as [G2821](#); *invited*, that is, *appointed*, or (specifically) a *saint*: - called.

**G1588** eklektos

*ek-lek-tos'*

From [G1586](#); *select*; by implication *favorite*: - chosen, elect.

I hope this adds a little to what we've been looking at, while trying to keep it short :)

Your brother in Christ,

Tony