

Believing the Devil's Lies

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I. Believing the Devil's lies - Why we don't tell people about Jesus.

A. Lies of the Devil.

1. You're not really forgiven and therefore not a fit vessel for God to use.
2. Not everyone needs Jesus.
3. Most people don't want Jesus.
4. You're on your own.

B. The Devil is the accuser of the brethren: he tells us:

1. You're too weak, you've gone too far, you're too sinful, and you're too unclean; you cannot be used.
2. Our sins can be giants keeping us from the promise land, and if we only see the giants, and do not trust God, we begin to believe the Devil's lies.

C. God gives courage and strength to his beloved

1. When we come to God with the guilt of already forgiven sins, we proclaim that Jesus' blood was not enough.

D. Forgiveness: God turns the stains and scars of sin into a beautiful work of art.

1. In place of wretchedness we find righteousness.
2. In place of loneliness and ugliness we find peace and beauty.

E. Are you believing the lies of the Devil?

1. That you are not forgiven?
 - a) We are saved through the name of Jesus: Acts 4:12
2. That not every man needs Jesus?
 - a) There is no way for any sinful man to get to Heaven without Jesus: "...No one comes to the Father, except through me." - John 14:6
3. That most people do not want Jesus?
 - a) All men seek the Lord Jesus - even if they do not know who or what they are seeking.

b) There is a difference between seeking religion and seeking Jesus.

c) Only Jesus can fill the empty place in a lost soul's heart.

1) Be a fisher of men - not a keeper of the aquarium.

2) Do people know you've been with Jesus? Jeremiah 2

4. That you're on your own?

a) Christianity is not a "do-it-yourself" religion.

b) The minute we come to the point of believing this lie of the Devil, we are on our own. The Israelites limited the Holy One of Israel because of their unbelief, and through unbelief we can limit the power of God in our lives simply by believing that Jesus Christ is not enough.

F. Don't believe the Devil's lies.

1. You are FORGIVEN!

2. ALL men need Jesus!

3. Mankind WANTS Jesus!

4. You are NOT on your own!