

The DOCTRINE OF SIN

Lesson 12 – God’s Sovereignty Over Satan’s Fall Part 2

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“For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.” Col 1:16

“So, God is Sovereign, God is purposeful, God is gracious, and it really matters, it really matters.”

In Chinese philosophy, the concept of Yin yang are complementary opposites within a greater whole. Everything has both yin and yang aspects, although yin or yang elements may manifest more strongly in different objects or at different times. Yin yang constantly interacts, never existing in absolute stasis.



Now, we are not _____. We Christians don’t say, here’s God and here’s Satan. Here are the principalities and powers and here’s God, and they’re kind of vying and jockeying with two different powers.

Of course, Satan can kill you, it says in Revelation 2:10, he’s going to put people to death, but not without God loosening his leash to do it. That’s why there are martyrs, according to chapter 6 vs 11 appointed to die. God is going to give _____ to the devil in the last days and He’s going to waste the church, but God will not

have _____ control.

The only reason any of you has not made _____ of your faith is that _____ is praying for you, today, in heaven, at the Father’s right hand.

So, drawing to conclusion the first part about Satan, and the rulers, and authorities, God is _____ over Satan and all of Satan’s horrible deeds. He hasn’t lost control of history, or your life, or your parents lives, or your church.

If you tonight conquer Satan by a superior _____ for the glories of Christ crucified and risen, you are glorifying more of Christ than if you only glorify Him because of his raw power in dispensing Satan into hell.

What a horrible thing for Peter to do to deny his Lord. Jesus is orchestrating in His prayer to the Father how far He will let Satan make Peter go and no farther. When you turn, be my rock! I love the Sovereign Saviour.

You are involved in the _____ over the devil by how you admire Christ to the point where your soul is so satisfied that you can actually use with Paul the word gladly. (2 Cor 12)

What I do know is that God is sovereign over it, He is absolutely holy and never sins. So, I have a category in my head for God _____ that sin be without sinning.

And through that perfect righteousness imputed to us grace is abounding over all our multiplied sins--through Whom? Jesus Christ, our Lord. This universe is all about _____. This universe is all about the _____.

Discussion:

Dualism - the doctrine that reality consists of two basic opposing elements, often taken to be mind and matter (or mind and body), or good and evil. Why as Bible believing Christians' must we reject this philosophy?

Read John 12:27-32; 14:25-31; 16:7-11. What observations can you make concerning the ruler of this world and who has ultimate authority?

Read 2 Cor 4:1-12 and Gen 1:1-5. How do we lock this truth into our hearts in such a way that will give us strength to bear the kind of trials that scripture describes is heading our way as Christians?

Read Rom 5:18-21 God's plan over sin is grace. What do you think is or should be a main application of this truth to our lives?
