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Rejoice IN HIS NAME

The Serpent Comes to Steal

By Michael Grigsby

Satan, the fallen angel, is the father of lies. These lies come into our lives in an attempt to steer us away from God and to ultimately get us to turn away from Him entirely. The Bible warns us of the devil's schemes many times, with his plan to keep as many of God's children away from Him. It is important to recognize these tricks, not to fall into temptation, and draw closer to God.

The Tactics of Satan

There are many ways that Satan seeps into our lives and tries to control us. Often, they appear through our thoughts. The enemy frequently uses lies to convince you that you should sin.

Temptation

A way to steer you from Christ is to tempt you into sin. Hearing a voice in your head saying that a sin is not a big deal is a common way Satan tries to deceive you. After convincing you to sin, you may feel immense guilt and shame instead of going straight to God for repentance and forgiveness. Satan wants to steer your thoughts away from God to destroy you.

Doubt

When you find yourself saying "God will never forgive me" or "God doesn't love me," that is a tactic to make you question your identity as well as God's identity, using your shame against you. This can easily lead to insecurity and doubt about God's character. His character is kind and loving, and He doesn't count faults. Contrary to what the enemy tries to claim, God does not keep count of our sins.

"I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more." — Isaiah 43:25 NIV.

Disguise

Satan tries to hide his schemes. This is evident early in the Bible, when he persuades Eve to eat from the tree God forbade. He hides his true intent

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Prayer is the Way

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God loves your confidence.

Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.
—PHILIPPIANS 1:6

Okay . . . so maybe you don't always fee confident, but you can be. It's there for you, just waiting to be claimed. Not because of what you do, but because of what He did. Not because of who you are, but because of who He is. Not because of what you know or say, but because of who you know and what He promised.

You are His. You may not have it all figured out, but He does. And He won't stop working on you until you are made complete in Christ. You can be confident in that.

You must choose for yourselves today whom you will serve.
—Joshua 24:15

You Decide

God's invitation is clear and unchangeable. He gives all, and we give him all. Simple and absolute. He is clear in what he asks and clear in what he offers. The choice is up to us. Isn't it incredible that God leaves the choice to us?

Think about it. There are many things in life we can't choose. We can't, for example, choose the weather. We can't choose whether or not we are born with a big nose or blue eyes or a lot of hair. Can't choose our parents either. We can't choose the school lunch menu. We can't even choose who will laugh at our jokes.

But we can choose where we spend eternity. The big choice, God leaves to us. It means more to him, and us, when we have the freedom to make up our own mind. Will you ever make a more important choice? It's the only decision that really matters. *— MAX LUCADO*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Shannon Wile Cambree Cavett ***Harry & Janelle Wile***	3 Justin Heath	4	5	6 Bailey Haigler	7 Monte Patterson
8 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS!	9 Shirley Haigler	10	11	12 Rebecca Hoskins Cayl Mitch Wade Webb	13 Wes Robinson	14 Timothy Allison ***James & Charity Blood*** ***Charlie & Sandy Gilchris***
15 Kelby Jinkens Kody Jinkens Kara Murray	16	17 June Paulsen 	18 Pam Bond	19	20 Callie Boettler	21
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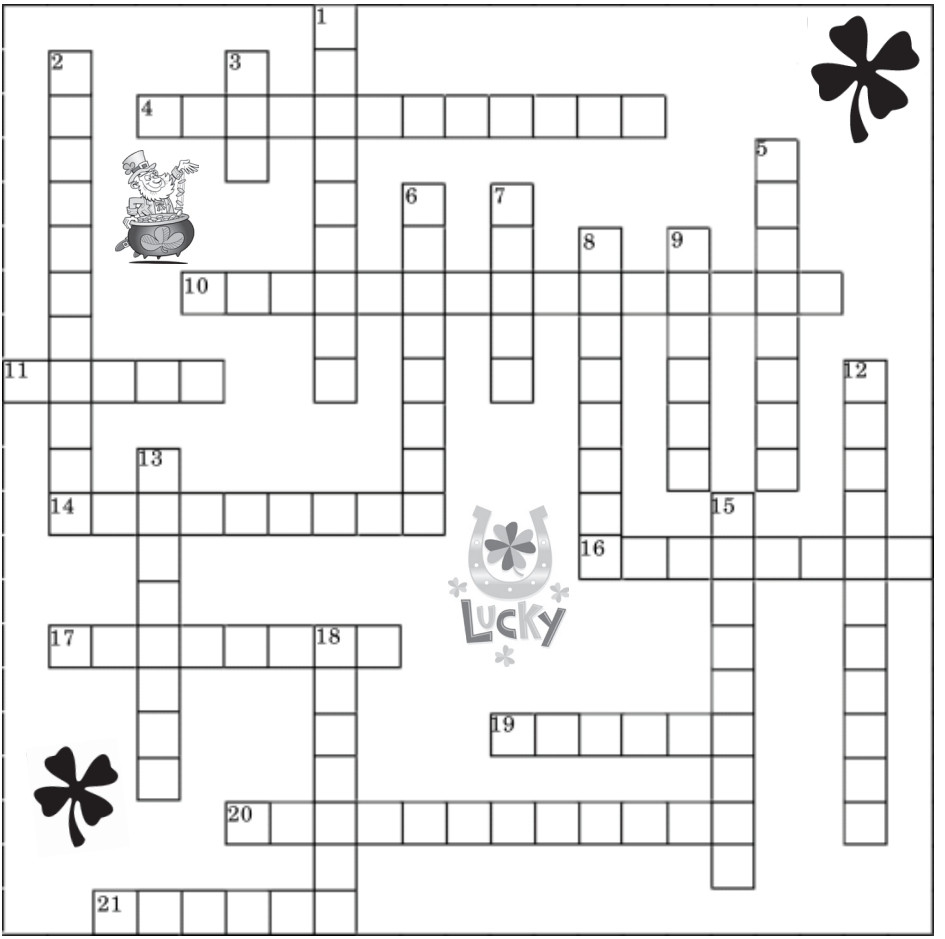
CWF Meetings **2nd Tuesday** **9:30 - 11:30 a.m.**	**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** **Monday** **6-7:00 p.m.**	**CHOIR PRACTICE** **Wednesdays** **7:00 p.m.** 	*Lanna Chaloupek - March* *Beth Seifried - April* *Bella Grace - May* 		NOTE: Please notify us if a name needs to be removed or added. ***Contact Toni Goforth at:*** tonigo4th@hotmail.com or you may text or call 580-822-5109.	

St. Patrick's Day Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

4. Holiday named for him
10 Irish greeting
11 Holiday month
14 White Irish clover
16 Clover with one more leaf
17 You wish for people
19 Irish accent
20 Storytellers kiss this
21 Another fairy spelling

DOWN

1. Find at end of rainbow
2. Little people of Ireland
3. Irish dance
5. Famous Irish song
6. Irish vegetable
7. Color of day
8. Meat of day
9. Driven out of Ireland
12 Ireland
13 St. Patrick's religion
15 Smiling they steal hearts
18 Leafy vegetable

SOLUTIONS

Across
4 Saint Patrick
10 Top of the morning
11 March
14 Shamrocks
16 Fourleaf
17 Good Luck
19 Brogue
20 Blarneystone
21 Faerie

Down
1 Pot of gold
2 Leprechauns
3 Jig
5 Danny Boy
6 Potatoes
7 Green
8 Cornbeef
9 Snakes
12 Emeraldisle
13 Catholic
15 Irish Eyes
18 Cabbage

CAMP SOONER GOLF TOURNAMENT COMING IN APRIL

FOR THOSE OF YOU INTERESTED IN ENTERING THE CAMP SOONER GOLF TOURNAMENT PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR MIKE FOR MORE INFORMATION. THE EVENT WILL HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 20TH

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by being very persuasive, lying, and persistent. He doesn't just try once; he keeps doing whatever it takes to pull you away from God.

Choosing God's Voice

The voice of God will likely call you in a direction that appears more difficult than the ways of Satan, and Satan uses this to his advantage. But God promises us hope and eternal life, while the enemy wants us to be separated from Him.

"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it." — Matthew 7:13-14 NIV.

The main way to focus on God's voice instead of the devil's is to spend more time with God and in His word, so much time that you can identify the devil's lies. It is pivotal to learning how to distinguish between Jesus' calling and the devil's, in order to deepen your faith.

Listen to God

Spend time studying the word to see what God says about you. God thinks His people are so valuable that He gives us free will to choose whether to listen to Him or ignore Him and keep living in our flesh. People find it difficult to "listen to God" because He is not a human whose voice we can hear. I can tell God is speaking to me when I notice something is on my heart more than usual. Perhaps this means "check in on your friend" or "go compliment that person." Sometimes God's voice might bring you out of your comfort zone, but you never know how He plans to use you.

Memorize Scripture

It is no secret that the power of scripture is off the charts. Memorizing Bible verses ensures that God's word and His promises are stuck in your mind, ready to help you in dire situations. When the serpent is tempting you, recite scripture. The thought of God makes him tremble!

"You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that — and shudder." — James 2:19 NIV

God Versus the Serpent

A dark spiritual battle can take place when you're on the fence about following both God and the serpent. Next time you feel yourself falling into temptation, remember that while we were born sinners, Christ gave his life for us. God knew we would disobey Him every day, but because His love for His people is so deep, He gives us more than one chance to choose Him so that we can spend eternity together.

It's restoration versus destruction. God wants you to pick Him.