

Spiritual Warfare

VICTORY

OVER A WORLD OF CHALLENGE



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EPHESIANS 6

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

THE REALITY OF THE BATTLE

1. We must be dependant on God
2. Our battle with evil spiritual beings is constant
3. Our victory is not automatic
4. We have everything we need to win but we need to learn to fight
5. Our sin empowers demonic influence in our lives (*Eph 4 26-27*)
6. The western rationalistic secular worldview has many Christians trapped and disempowered

A stylized illustration of a woman with long, wavy blonde hair, wearing a pinkish-red dress, looking towards the right. She is in a lush garden with various plants, including a large green snake with yellow spots coiled around a tree trunk. The scene is set against a background of green foliage and red, bell-shaped flowers. The word "GARDEN" is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the image.

GARDEN

DIFFERENT NAMES FOR SATAN IN THE BIBLE

1. **Accuser of our brethren** Revelation 12:10.
2. **Adversary** (opponent), 1 Peter 5:8.
3. **Angel of light** (a false messenger of light), 2 Corinthians 11:14.
4. **Beelzebub** (the dung god, ruler of the devils), Luke 11:15.
5. **Belial** (worthlessness), 2 Corinthians 6:15.
6. **Crooked serpent**, Isaiah 27:1.
7. **Devil**, Matthew 4:1, 5, 8, 11, 9:32, etc.
8. **Dragon**, Revelation 12:7.
9. **Enemy** (the hateful, hostile one), Matthew 13:39.
10. **Father of lies**, John 8:44.
11. **God of this world** (god of this age), 2 Corinthians 4:3 - 4.
12. **Great dragon**, Revelation 12:9.
13. **Liar** (a falsifier), John 8:44.
14. **Murderer**, John 8:44.
15. **Old Serpent**, Revelation 12:9.
16. **Prince of the devils** (Matthew 12:24).
17. **Prince of the power of the air** (ruler who has authority over air), Ephesians 2:1.
18. **Roaring lion**, 1 Peter 5:8.
19. **Ruler of this world** (prince of this world), John 12:31.
20. **Satan** (the devil), Revelation 12:9, 20:2.
21. **Serpent** Genesis 3:1, 2 Corinthians 11:3.
22. **Tempter** (the tester, one who entices), Matthew 4:3.
23. **Thief** (stealer), John 10:9 - 10.

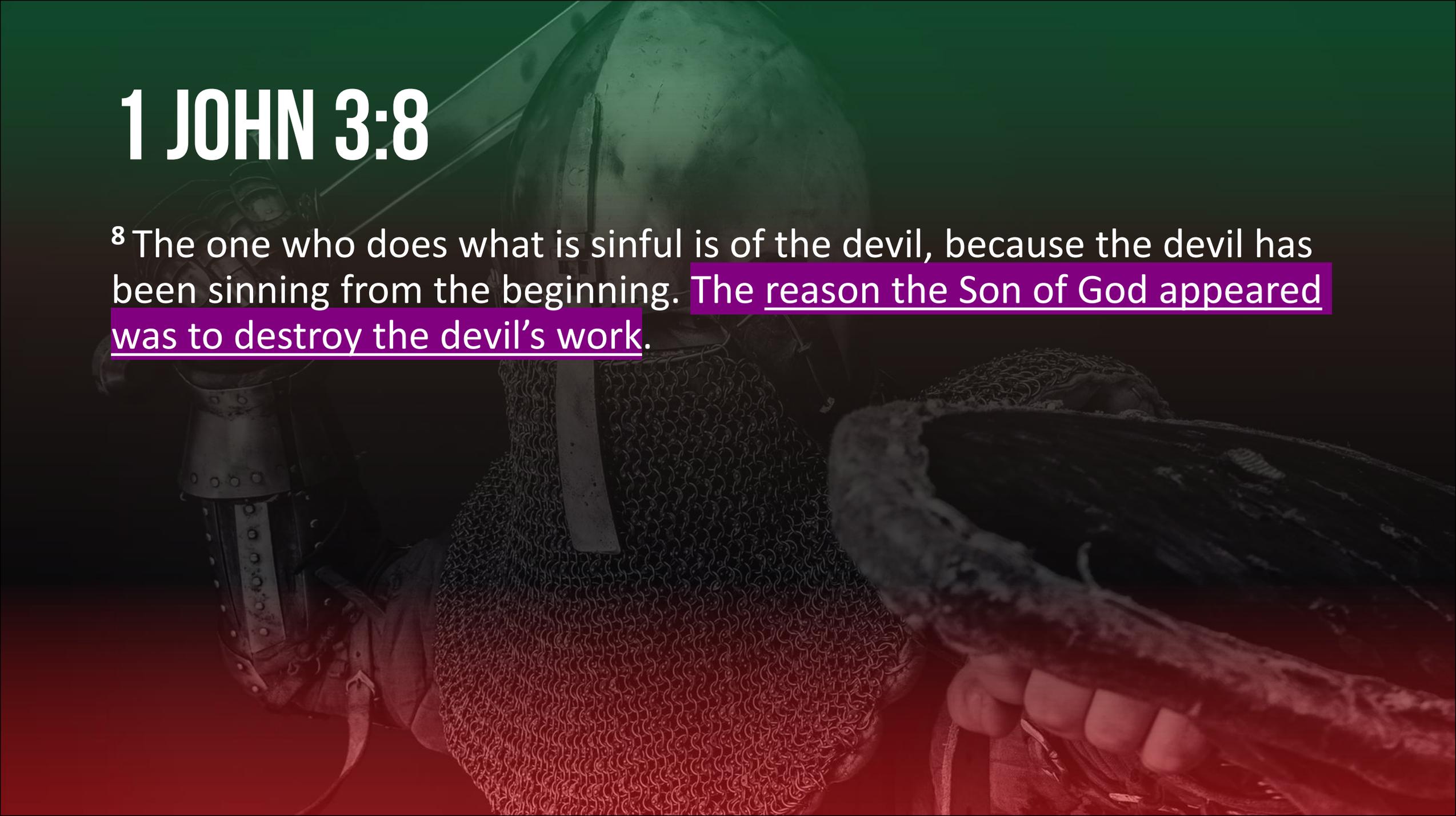
1 JOHN 5

(written approx. 50 years after the resurrection of Jesus)

¹⁹ We know that we are children of God, and that **the whole world is under the control of the evil one.** ²⁰ We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true by being in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

1 JOHN 3:8

⁸The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.



MARK 3 KINGDOM MINISTRY

¹³ Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. ¹⁴ He appointed twelve that they might **be with him** and that he might **send them** out to **preach** ¹⁵ and to have authority to **drive out demons**.

1. **Intimacy**
2. **Mission**
3. **Gospel**
4. **Deliverance**

ALL OF HISTORY IS SPIRITUAL CONFLICT

Satan deceives humanity



Jesus fights Satan & demons



Church fights Satan & demons



Jesus wins



Rebel Lion in heaven



Jesus tempted



Jesus dies/rises again



Final Battle

**WE CANNOT AVOID
THE CONFLICT**



THE GREAT DECEPTION

“The hard stuff that is happening in my life, family, church, country is either because of...”

- Our or someone else's sin
 - Unfortunate circumstances
 - God
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- Satan and demonic spirits

SOME GENERAL TOOLS

1. Be filled with the Holy Spirit – His power, love and discernment
2. We need to become spiritually discerning
3. Sin creates space for evil to have influence, so don't open that door
4. Refresh often the truth of your identity in Christ
5. Spend time in the Bible