

Underfoot 2 - Jesus Defeated The Devil



Introduction: What Did Jesus Actually Finish?

- The central question: *"Is Jesus' work completely finished, or is there something for us to do?"*
- The Church has long been confused about the tension between what Jesus has accomplished and the brokenness still evident in the world.
- Mountain range metaphor: Prophecies about Jesus (Messiah) contain both suffering and victory, with time gaps often misunderstood (Psalm 8; Hebrews 2).
- Importance of understanding **the progression** of Jesus' work — past, present, and future — to avoid spiritual frustration or error.

Point 1: Jesus Came to Destroy the Works of the Devil (Hebrews 2:14–15; 1 John 3:8)

- Jesus' mission: to destroy the devil's power, especially the fear and bondage caused by death.
- **Hebrews 2** outlines the intention of God for humanity to rule over creation and the reality that *"we do not yet see all things under His feet."*
- Though not all is visibly defeated, *"we see Jesus..."*

Point 2: Jesus Defeated the Devil in Several Key Ways

a. By Resisting Temptation

(Luke 4:5–8)

- Jesus rejected Satan's offer of all worldly authority during the wilderness temptation.
- He did not sin, unlike Adam — breaking Satan's legal claim to humanity.

b. By Preaching and Demonstrating a New Kingdom

(Matthew 11:12; Luke 16:16; Matthew 12:22–29)

- Jesus inaugurated the **Kingdom of God**, confronting and overpowering Satan's dominion.
- Casting out demons and healing the sick were proof that *"the Kingdom of God has come upon you."*
- Jesus describes **"binding the strong man"** (Satan) to plunder his domain.

c. By Dying and Rising Again

(Colossians 2:13–15; John 12:31; 1 Peter 3:22)

- On the cross, Jesus:
 - **Forgave** sin and removed the legal accusations (the "handwriting of requirements").
 - **Disarmed** principalities and powers.
 - **Publicly triumphed** over them, making it clear who now holds authority.
- Jesus now holds *"all authority in heaven and on earth"* (Matthew 28:18).

Point 3: Jesus Delegated His Victory to the Church

a. Seated with Christ in Authority

(Ephesians 1:19–23; Ephesians 2:6)

- Christ is seated far above all powers.

- Believers are **seated with Him**, sharing in His victory and authority.

b. The Great Commission Is Our Mission

(Matthew 28:18–20; Psalm 110)

- Jesus sat down at God's right hand and instructed His people to extend His kingdom.
- The Church is His body, tasked with enforcing His authority on earth.

Point 4: Common Mistakes That We Must Avoid

a. Looking Inward with Self-Doubt

- Satan continues to accuse and lie to believers, even though he has lost legal authority.
- The truth: *We are the righteousness of God in Christ* (2 Corinthians 5:21).

b. Fighting the Wrong Enemy

(Ephesians 6:12)

- We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but spiritual powers.
- People are not the enemy; we bring them the **gospel of peace**.

c. Trying to Go It Alone

- God calls us into community and teamwork (the Church).
- No single person has all the gifts; we need one another to extend the Kingdom effectively.

Conclusion & Life Applications

- **Resist the devil**, and he will flee (James 4:7).
- **Preach the gospel of peace** with boldness and clarity.
- **Live free from fear**, especially the fear of death, knowing Jesus tasted death for all (Hebrews 2:9).

If you're in Christ, you are clean, loved, and empowered. Start or join a group, spread the message, and walk in the authority Jesus won for us.

Scriptures Quoted in this talk:

1 John 3:8 NKJV "...For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil."

John 19:30 - "it is finished" (Jesus on the cross)

1 John 5:19 - "the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one"

Hebrews 2:6-9, 14-15 Nkjv - What Jesus achieved in destroying the devil

Genesis 1:26-28 - God's original intention - man as His delegate for spreading good throughout the earth.

Luke 4:5-8, 13 - Jesus' temptation and satan's claim to be ruler of the earth

Job 1:6-2:7 & Zechariah 3:1-10 & Luke 22:31 - Satan's access to God's throne room in heaven in the Old Testament

1 Samuel 16:14 - In the Old Testament, evil spirits were said to come "from the Lord"

Luke 16:16 - "The law and the prophets were until John. Since that time the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is pressing into it."

Matthew 11:12 - "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force."

Matthew 12:22-26, 28-29 - "Then one was brought to Him who was demon-possessed, blind and mute; and He healed him, so that the blind and mute man both spoke and saw. 23 And all the multitudes were amazed and said, "Could this be the Son of David?" 24 Now when the Pharisees heard it they said, "This fellow does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons." 25 But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. 26 "If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? ... 28 "But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. 29 "Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house."

Acts 10:38 - Jesus "went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him."

Colossians 2:15 - "Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it."

1 John 5:18 - "We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him."

2 Corinthians 11:3 - "But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ."

Ephesians 4:27 - do not give the devil a place or foothold

John 14:30 - "I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me."

John 12:31 - "Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out."

Colossians 2:13-15 - what Jesus achieved on the cross - took away the law that was against us, and disarmed satan.

Matthew 28:18-19 - the Great Commission

1 Peter 3:22, Psalm 110:1-3 - after the cross all authority was given to Jesus - but His body must now carry that out and extend His kingdom.

Ephesians 1:21-23 - "21 far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. 22 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all."

Matthew 10:7-8 - "And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' 8 "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give."

2 Corinthians 5:21, Ephesians 1:6, 1 Corinthians 6:17 - We are now "the righteousness of God"

1 Corinthians 15:22, Romans 5:17 - we're either in Adam or in Christ

Ephesians 6:12 - we don't fight against people (flesh and blood), but against spiritual forces

Romans 10:15 & Ephesians 6:15 - it's a "gospel of peace"

James 4:7 - resist the devil and he will flee from you