



Life In Christ – Resisting Temptation

1 Corinthians 10:12-14

Matthew 4:1-11

Introduction:

- **Temptation** - the desire to do something, especially something wrong or unwise. A thing or course of action that attracts or tempts someone.
- Why and how are we tempted?
- **James 1:12-16**

1. The Timing (Matthew 3:17-4:1)

- Temptation will certainly come when we are obedient to God.

2. The Place (v. 3).

- In the wilderness, alone among the wild beasts.
- All of Christ's battles were done alone: wilderness, garden, cross.
- **Matthew 27:46**
- satan thinks he can win...when we are alone. But, no temptation is too strong for God.

3. The Tempted One

- Jesus, the Son of God. This shows His humanity.
- **Hebrews 4:15**

4. The Nature – It could only be from *without* because satan could not touch anything *in* Him.

- Self-Satisfaction (**v. 3**) → Bread, or the Bread of Life? Which is more important?
- Self-Destruction (**v. 5**) → If You are the Son of God (*prove it*), throw Yourself down.
- Self-Glorification (**v. 8**) → This world belongs to satan. He is the ruler of this age.
- **John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11; 1 John 5:19**

5. The Fight of Faith

- The way Christ defeats satan and the temptation is by the Word of God.
- *...It is written... (v. 4; 7; 10)*
- We need to know the written Word (our sword) to fight our temptations and trials.

6. Victory Over Temptation (v. 11)

- Then...the devil left Him.
- His faith is rewarded with strength from heaven.