



LIVING AS

# **CHILDREN** *of* **LIGHT**

*Ephesians 5:8*

**I CAN MAKE GOOD CHOICES**

# 1 Kings 3



**We can choose to live according to the prompts and direction of the Holy Spirit.**

**2 Peter 1:3**

*“By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life.”*



God wants us to be free, it was the mandate of Jesus in his first sermon (Luke 4:14-18)

Theme of the early church:

**Galatians 5:1** *“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.”*

# GOD IS AT WORK THROUGH OUR POSITION IN CHRIST

**Ephesians 1:19-22** *“Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come. God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church.”*

**Ephesians 2:6** *“For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus.”*

# BUT there is a battle.....

Last week we discussed how the system of this world, the culture and values try to influence our thinking and take us away from God to live independently of Him.

## 1 John 2:15-17 The Message version

*“Practically everything that goes on in the world—wanting your own way, wanting everything for yourself, wanting to appear important—has nothing to do with the Father. It just isolates you from him.”*

**The bible teaches that we are up against a spiritual enemy.**

From Genesis through to last book of Revelation there is a continuous theme of a battle between light and darkness

- **John 8:44**
- **Ephesians 6:10-18**

**The good news is that Jesus came to do something about that 1  
John 3:8**

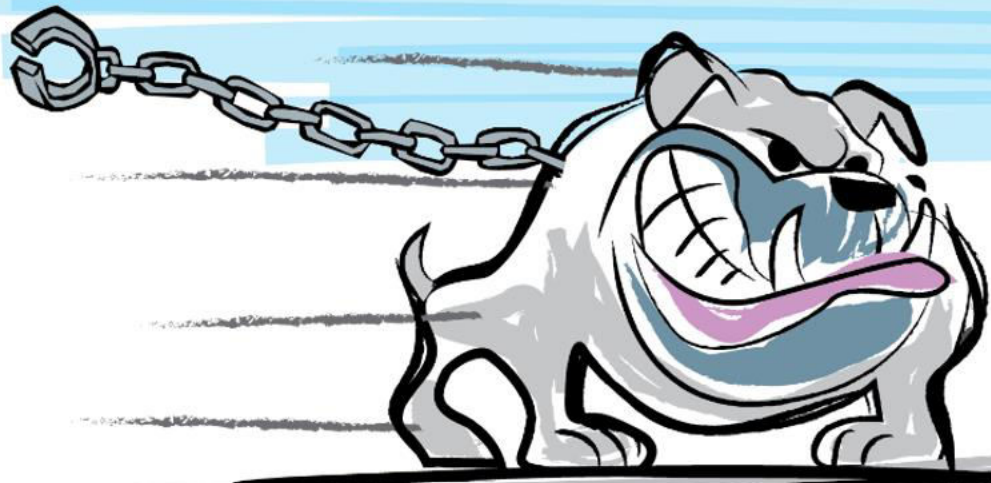




**SATAN'S POWER IS REAL BUT IT  
DOES NOT EVEN COMPARE TO  
GODS.**

- At the cross Jesus completely disarmed Satan  
Colossians 2:13-15
- Satan can only operate within the bounds God has set  
Jude 1:6





# GUARD OUR MINDS

**Psalm 139:23-24** *“Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.”*

Not every thought that comes into your head is your own



**TEMPTATION – ACCUSATION –  
DECEPTION**

**NewLife**  
CHURCH CRAWLEY



There is a spiritual battle BUT we have resources in Christ:

Turn on the light!  
How do we do that?

*2 Cor 10:5 “We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ.”*



## CONCLUSION:

We can make good choices, we can choose to live according to the prompts and direction of the Holy Spirit and a key area is how we think and then choose

We have clear instructions: Phil 4:8-9



LIVING AS

# **CHILDREN** *of* **LIGHT**

*Ephesians 5:8*

**I CAN MAKE GOOD CHOICES**