

**“Light From Above Versus Darkness From Below” *John 8:21-30***

**There can be no compromise between the plan of God for the Church Age believer and the strategy of Satan for ruling this world through his cunning attractions.**

Just as darkness and light are mutually exclusive, the plan of God for us is mutually exclusive with Satan’s world system; they have nothing in common, except that both seek to control mankind.

*Approach 1 is Satan’s exploitation of people through their own arrogance; his way of influencing and then controlling the human race.*

Approach 2 is Satan’s propaganda and indoctrination school to educate people as to his way of doing things and then promote antagonism toward anything related to God, especially His grace.

**There are three ways in which Satan’s world system can specifically influence unbelievers:**

**1. Demon possession 2. Demon influence 3. Psychological living**

Believers involved in the world system today are there due to their negative reaction to biblical truth.

So, even though a believer has eternal security and cannot lose his salvation, he can choose to live

in self-imposed darkness like all unbelievers.

**It’s also the strategy of the devil to frustrate the will of God in a believer’s life and to neutralize his soul with fear, worry and anxiety.**

Satan loves it when a believer loses his focus on TLJC or the Church Age spiritual life and he promotes this four ways by getting believers to keep their eyes on self, people, circumstances or things.

*And he wants to involve us in humanistic, man-made or devised solutions to man’s problems so that God’s grace solutions are rejected.*

And last but not least, he absolutely loves it when believers fear death.

**Satan’s maximum efforts were expressed through the religion of the Pharisees.**

**1. Spiritual Death; Ephesians 2:1; Romans 5:12; Romans 6:23; 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:22**

**2. Physical Death; Matthew 8:22; 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:1-8; Romans 8:38-39; Philippians 1:21**

**3. The Second Death; Hebrews 9:27; Revelation 20:12-15**

**4. Positional Death; Colossians; 2:12, 20; 3:3**

**5. Operational Death; James 2:26**

**6. Temporal Death; Romans 8:6,13; Ephesians 5:14**

**7. Sexual Death; Romans 4:16-21; Hebrews 11:11-12**

**8. The Sin Unto Death; 1<sup>st</sup> John 5:16**

**Nine Advantages to all believers after death:**

- 1. No appointment with judgment; Heb 9:27** 2. Face to face with our Lord; 2<sup>nd</sup> Cor 5:8
3. *No more sorrow, pain, tears, regrets or embarrassment; Rev 21:4* 4. An eternal inheritance; 1<sup>st</sup> Pet 1:4-5
5. A new home; John 14:1-6 **6. Full experience of eternal life; 1<sup>st</sup> John 5:11-13**
7. A resurrection body; Job 19:25-26; 1<sup>st</sup> Cor 15:51-57 8. Removal of our sin nature; Phil 3:20-21
9. Removal of human good and evil; 1<sup>st</sup> Cor 3:11-15

**There are four possible ways for believers in Christ to transfer to eternity:**

1. Translation or transfer from time to eternity as a maximum grace benefit in the OT; as with Enoch and Elijah. 2. *The sin unto death as the ultimate in divine discipline.*
3. Dying grace as the ultimate in glorification of God.
4. The Rapture of all Church Age believers at the end of this dispensation when the seven-year Great Tribulation begins.

**Religious people cannot go where the Lord Jesus is because they are outside of the plan of God and inside the world system producing self-righteous human good only.**

Religion is salvation by works, period.

*Bearing in mind our Lord's claims, the unbeliever consciously or unconsciously tells Him to go to Hell!*