

Satan and This Age

- Satan is the highest being in God's creative scale; a finite person.
- Satan brought sin into the universe.
- Satan fell wanting to be like God: unanswerable to no one.
- Satan is the spiritual father of those belonging to the world.
- Satan's names reflect his character:
 - Dragon—fierce, aggressive.
 - Serpent—subtlety.
 - Devil—accuser, slanderer, traitor.
 - Satan—enemy.
- Satan has the ability to disrupt the mind as it works towards a conclusion. (τα νόημα) Literally means “*the results of the workings of the mind, or the things resulting from the workings of the mind.*”
- Satan attacks the Christian through the human spirit in contrast to the flesh which attacks through the soul (2 Cor. 11:3).
- Satan cannot incite man's sin nature; however, he does take advantage of the sin nature's activity.

Satan's Current Motive

- A.** Satan is the god of this Age (2 Cor. 4:4).
 - a) He blinds the unbelieving to the Gospel.
 - b) The unbelieving are unable to “see” one beam of light.
- B.** The reason for an age (Eph. 3:9-10).
An age is a phase in God's program in which He reveals something about Himself, by comparison or contrast, to His creatures.
- C.** This Present Age is related to Eternal Life (Mk. 10:30; 1 Jn. 5:11-13).
 - a) During the present age Satan blinds unbelievers to the Gospel and tries to thwart the Christians manifesting eternal life.
 - b) Eternal life is God revealing His own quality of life.
- D.** This Present Evil Age's opposition (Gal. 1:4, 6-9; 5:4).
 - a) Opposes The Christ.
 - b) Opposes grace and faith.
- E.** This Present Evil Age by contrast emphasizes God's grace.