

Ground Zero

Four out of ten Christians said they did not believe in the “Devil” according to Barna Research in 2009.

“The greatest trick the Devil ever pulled was convincing the world he didn’t exist.”

The Usual Suspects

Three Reasons to Explain Satan’s Absence in Our Culture

1. We live in an age of _____.
2. We live in an age of _____.
3. The desire to focus upon the _____ over the _____.

Ephesians 6: 10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Why We Need the Devil

1. Without the Devil, spiritual warfare is limited to _____.

Scripture portrays the Devil as a _____ entity and a _____ of evil.

The proper name for the Devil is “_____” which is a Hebrew word that means _____.

Ephesians 2: 1 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

2 Corinthians 4: 4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

John 12: 30 Jesus said, “This voice was for your benefit, not mine. 31 Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. 32 But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.”

1. Without the Devil, we can fully _____ Jesus and his _____.

Luke 22: 31 “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. 32 But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail.

Jesus operated in the _____ world with a _____ mindset.

Hebrews 2: 14 Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil – 15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

2. Without the Devil, our ability to _____ others is severely _____.

If Satan doesn’t exist, then I am a _____.

“Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.”