

## Rebellion and Redemption – Part 10

### Paul's teaching about the Great Controversy

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on Rebellion and Redemption, studying the theme of the Great Controversy between good and evil. Our topic today: The apostle Paul's teachings about the great controversy.

Scripture Theme Song: I will praise You, O LORD (Ps. 9:1-2)

- 1) Adam and Jesus
    - a) Romans 5:12 How did the disobedience of Adam impact the entire human family?
    - b) Romans 5:17-21 What solution was provided by God? (see also Romans 5:8)
    - c) Some people say, "It's not fair! I didn't choose to be born in this world full of sin and death!" How would you respond?
  - 2) The church and the conflict
    - a) What is the role of the church in the great struggle between good and evil?
    - b) Matthew 16:18 (see also 1 Corinthians 3:11)
    - c) What are some ways Satan attacks the church?
      - i) Acts 20:29
      - ii) Acts 20:30
    - d) 1 Corinthians 3:16-17
    - e) How should we respond if a part of the body is defiling the temple of God? (1 Corinthians 5:9-13)
  - f) Share a time when a member of your church family confronted you in love.
- 3) Supernatural protection
    - a) Ephesians 6:10 – before Paul describes the armor of God, what important point does he emphasize?
    - b) Ephesians 6:11, 13 – What important lesson can we learn here?
    - c) Ephesians 6:12 – What can we learn from Paul's description of the forces of darkness?
    - d) Ephesians 6:14-17 What do you notice about all of the pieces of this supernatural armor? (see also Romans 13:11-14)
    - e) Share a time when you experienced an intense attack from forces of darkness. How were you affected at that time and what important lessons have you learned through that experience?
  - 4) Death will finally be destroyed
    - a) What texts or stories in Scripture remind us that Satan tries to use death as a weapon against people?
    - b) Why does the resurrection of Jesus from the dead give us assurance that death itself will finally be destroyed?
      - i) 1 Corinthians 15:20-22
      - ii) 1 Corinthians 15:50-55
      - iii) John 11:25-26
    - c) Where in the Bible do we find an account of the destruction of death and the creation of a new heavens and a new earth?
      - i) Revelation 20:14-15
      - ii) Revelation 21:1-4