

## THE POSTERITY OF CHRIST

Gen.3:15 is referred to by Christian theologians as PROTEVANGELISM (first gospel of Jesus Christ).

When you study this verse, you will discover the ENMITY between Satan's seed and the woman's seed. We understand from Gen.3: 15 that the seed of the woman is Christ and believers versus Satan and his seed of unbelievers.

(1 John 3:10) "By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother."

(1 John 4:4) "You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world."

Genesis 3:15 also declared that the POSTERITY (seed) OF CHRIST (the woman's seed) will share in the victory of Christ. "And the God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet." (Rom.16:20) **WHOSE FEET?**

**The Apostle Paul declared that Jesus Christ was that suffering victor over Satan and his seed.**

(Gal.3: 16) "Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, 'and to seeds,' as referring to many, but rather to one, 'and to your seed.' That is Christ."

(1 Cor.15: 24-25) "And comes the end, when He (Jesus Christ) delivers up the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet."

**This lesson will study SIX aspects of the POSTERITY OF CHRIST sharing in His victory over Satan.**

"To open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light from the dominion of Satan to God, in order that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me." (Acts 26:28)

**1. The idea of posterity of Christ coming from the woman's seed of Gen.3: 15 is declared in at least five great messianic prophecies.**

- Gen.3:15                      seed of the woman (Jesus Christ - Gal.4:4; Rev.12:17)
- Gen.12:3                     seed of Abraham (Jesus Christ - Gal.3:8, 16)
- 2 Sam.7:12-16              seed of David (Jesus Christ - Rom.1:3-4; Matt.1:1)
- 2 Sam.7:14; 9:6             seed of God (Jesus Christ - Matt.1:21-23; Luke 1:34-35)
- Psa.22:30-31                seed (posterity) of Christ (Jesus Christ - Matt.27:35,39,43,46; Ps.22)  
   "No Psalms is quoted more frequently in the NT." (NIV, Ps.22)

**2. What we learn is that ever since Gen.3: 15, Satan has been attacking the messianic seed of the woman.**

It began with the posterity seed of Abel (Gen.4; 1 John 3:12) and continued throughout messianic history until the death and resurrection-ascension of Jesus Christ (Matt.2:15-21; 16:21-23; 26:23-25; 27:46).

**Its climate was the betrayal of Jesus by an insider and unbeliever, Judas** - "And after the morsel, Satan then entered into him (Judas). Jesus therefore said to him, 'What you do, do quickly.'" (John 13:27)

**3. Shock came to Satan at Pentecost following the resurrection of Jesus and the Parakletos ministry of the Holy Spirit in church age (John 13-17; Acts 2).**

When Acts 2 Pentecost was over, the church had grown from 120 to 3,000 Christians (Acts 1:15; 2:41). “And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.” (Acts 2:47)

Now Satan must face the “greater works” of John 14:12.

Satan didn’t understand that every church age believer would be indwelt by the Holy Spirit forming Christ in us Christ (1 Cor.6: 19-20; Rom.8: 10; Gal.2: 20; 4:19).

Based on grace regeneration, every church age believer becomes a Christian (one of Christ) (Acts 11:26; 26:28; 1 Pet.4: 16). “He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit.” (Titus 3:5)

**4. Satan didn’t understand this because it was part of the mystery doctrines of the church age. (Eph.1: 9-10; 3:3-10; Rom.16: 25-27).**

“That is, **mystery** which has been hidden from the past ages and generations; but has now been manifested to His saints, to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, **which is Christ in you**, the hope of glory. And we proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, that we may present **every man complete in Christ**” Col.1:26-28)

**5. The posterity of Christ, church age believers, are the target of Satan’ enmity warfare (A/C). (2 Tim.2: 26; 2 Cor.2: 11).**

Saul of Tarsus was an example of the enmity warfare against the church (Pharisaical legalism) (Acts 7:58-9:4; 22:1-8; Matt.5:43-48).

Note these three parts to the angelic conflict listed in 1 Pet.5: 8-10 (1 Cor.16: 13).

- “Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. **Your adversary**, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.
- But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the **same experiences of suffering** are being accomplished by brethren who are in world.
- And after you have suffered for a little while, **the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.**”

**6. Satan uses cosmos diabolicus (evil thinking) to oppose the truth of God’s word and to attack the believer’s divine belief faith system (Gen.3) Adam and Eve (2 Cor.11: 3; Eph.6: 10-17).**

“When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the one on whom the seed was sown besides the road.” (Matt.13: 19) (2 Cor.4: 4)

“You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature; for he is a liar, and the father of lies.” (John 8:44) (Eph.3: 11-15; 2 Tim.4: 1-4; 2 Tim.2: 22-26).