

Civitas Dei and Civitas Diaboli

The Bible says that Jesus defeated Satan. Scripture repeats this in the Gospels. My confusion comes from wondering why Demons and Satanic entities are still here, still being fought...if indeed He defeated evil, how can it still be here?

After ruminating on this conundrum for oh, perhaps a year, yes that is 12 months, I requested a prayerful response from my brilliant Nazarene-educated husband. Thom said with ease, " Yes, Jesus defeated Satan but WE did not. You and I live in this world but by calling on His name, we can do the same."

" So, this world is the home of these evil beings and we have to learn the process through right living and prayer, of keeping Christ alive in us, and use His name to exorcise?" I asked. "That's one perspective, Zoli, and sounds true." he responded.

Well, that answers that. My husband's boy-brain-clarity cuts through my emotional confusion like a hot knife through butter. Why did I not ask him sooner? The Zoli Method entails gnawing on the bones of an issue until I have exhausted not only my ego but also my desire to figure it myself.

Here's another perspective. The Maitreya work suggests that Armageddon is 1,000 years from now in the Age of Capricorn. At that time mankind will fight and defeat the Satanic powers for all time. There will be peace on Earth, but only because we ourselves have, in His name, won the war forever. That would explain why evil still walks among us today. Jesus Christ defeated it and now empowers us to do just that. Whadya think?

Ephesians 6:12

We are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the spiritual hosts of evil in heavenly places...against the principalities.

Colossians 2:15

Christ disarmed the principalities and powers - dunamis, thronoi, exosousi, kuriotes, archei - and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in His cross.

Mark 5 and Luke 8

Whenever Christ encountered and denounced the power of evil, His very words defeated the demonic.

These scriptures say that Jesus defeated evil but that we humans still fight " principalities". The war between Civitas Dei, the Kingdom of God and Civitas Diaboli, the Kingdom of Satan continues to involve us humans in the battle. We are the messengers of His legacy, to do as He did in His name.