



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC	To Destroy the Works of the Evil One	SPEAKER	Gary Koh
THEME	Why did the Lord Jesus Come?	DATE	03 & 04 Dec 2022

MESSAGE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

This sermon is based on the foundational truth that God loves us (John 3:16).

In his sermon, the speaker reminded us that God created us at the beginning of time to have a relationship with us; that we are children of God (1 John 3:1) and that He loves us deeply.

INTRODUCTION

The works of the evil one lead us to sin or carnality, which leads to eternal death. God sent Jesus to save us from our sins (1 John 3:5) and destroy the works of the evil one (1 John 3:8). The works of the evil one include:

- To steal, kill and destroy (John 10:10a)
- Accuser of the brethren (Revelations 12:10)
- Father of lies (John 4:44)
- Disguises in costumes of light and righteousness (2 Corinthians 11:13-15)
- Blinds the minds of the unbelievers (2 Corinthians 4:4)
- Robs the word of God out of people's hearts (Mark 4:1-15)
- Tempts you to sin (Matthew 4:1-11)
- Murderer (John 8:44)
- Cause of some sickness or disease (Luke 13:16)

Destroy comes from the word "Luo," which means to render powerless, to loose, to release or unbind.

Jesus came to destroy, to render powerless, to unbind the works of the evil one so that we may have abundant life (John 10:10b).

1. To Deliver us from the Penalty of Sin

Jesus justified us from our sin (Romans 5:1). When sin entered, the penalty is death and Jesus delivered us from it. To be justified means that the past no longer has a hold on you. There is no more condemnation (Romans 8:1-2).

2. To Deliver us from the Power of Sin

We are sanctified, which means to be set apart from the world (1 Thessalonians 5:23). Because we have the power of the Holy Spirit in us, we can overcome sin (1 John 3:9). It is true that Christians can still struggle with sin. We can be overcomers by sanctifying ourselves by the truth and the truth is found in the Word of God (John 17:17).

3. To Deliver us from the Presence of Sin

Ultimately, we can look forward to glorification (Philippians 3:20-21). Remember that our eternal home is in the presence of God, where there is no more death or mourning or crying or pain (Revelations 21:4).

CONCLUSION

Being a Christian is more than just knowing that Jesus has delivered us from the penalty, power and presence of sin; it is also receiving the love that God has shown us through His deliverance. Gary reminds us that God desires a relationship with us. Knowing His love should then invite us to respond by trusting in God. In trusting God, there will be great joy.

QUESTIONS

1. Share about how your relationship with Jesus has shaped and impacted your life in recent times.

Leader's notes – A personal recall on our walk with God which must be a regularly lived experience.

2. What does the truth that Jesus has delivered us from the penalty, power and presence of sin mean to you?

Leader's notes – This question invites cell members to reflect on their personal Christian walk and to share testimonies and/or present struggles for prayer and encouragement.

3. What is keeping you from experiencing the great joy that the shepherds and wise men did during the birth of Jesus? How can the cell group journey with you on this?

Leader's notes – Gary shared that God desires a relationship with us and Jesus came out of love for us. This question invites cell members to reflect on what this truth means to them and to share present struggles for prayer and encouragement.