**BIBLE - DANGERS WE FACE AS CHRISTIANS**

***1 PETER 5:8-9 – TEXT***

**INTRODUCTION** – Sometimes people who obey the gospel have the misconception that now that I am a Christian there will no longer be any problems or dangers to face. As children of God we are not immune from the attacks of Satan. The Bible clearly states he is a very vicious adversary – **1 PET. 5:8-9** ***- Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.***

***DANGERS WE FACE AS CHRISTIANS:***

1. **CHRISTIANS CAN FALL AND BE LOST** –
   1. **1 COR. 10:12-13** – Paul warns the Christians at Corinth of the danger of falling. How were they going to fall? By thinking they no longer needed the help of God to stand and by falling prey to temptation.
   2. **ACTS 5:1-11** – The example of Ananias and Sapphira lost their lives and more importantly their souls.
2. **CHRISTIAN’S FALL SHORT OF GOD’S GRACE** –
   1. **HEB. 12:15** – How do we prevent falling short?
   2. **HEB. 11:6** – By diligently seek God as we live by faith. Are we diligent in our service to God or is it haphazard?
3. **CHRISTIANS CAN DEVELOP AN EVIL HEART** –
   1. **HEB. 3:12** – This usually does not happen over night. It is a slow and gradual process.
   2. **MATT. 12:35** – Jesus tells us how we develop an evil heart.
4. **CHRISTIANS CAN DENY THE LORD** –
   1. **2 PET. 2:1** – We can deny the Lord who bought us.
   2. **2 TIM. 2:10-12** – The consequences of denying him are great.
5. **CHRISTIANS CAN COUNT THE BLOOD OF CHRIST AS UNHOLY** –
   1. **HEB. 10:28-31** – How do we regard the blood of Jesus?
   2. **EPH. 1:7** – It is the only blood shed that can grant forgiveness of sins.
6. **CHRISTIANS CAN BE UNFRUITFUL** –
   1. **JN. 15:1-6** - The unfruitful branches are burned up.
   2. **EPH. 5:8-9** – We are to walk as children of light and bear fruit.
7. **CHRISTIANS CAN BECOME ENTANGLED** –
   1. **2 PET. 2:20-22** – We can again become entangled in the affairs of the world.
   2. **1 JN. 2:15-17 –** That is why John warns us to not love the things of this world.
8. **CHRISTIANS CAN CRUCIFY CHRIST AFRESH** –
   1. **HEB. 6:4-6** – Does your life as a Christian crucify the Son of God afresh and put him to an open shame?
   2. **ROM. 12:1-2** – Is there a way to guarantee our life will not crucify the Son of God afresh? Yes, by living a life that is not conformed to this world.

**CONCLUSION** –

It is the responsibility of each Christian to know the dangers that we face as we pilgrim thru this life.

Be on the alert for the dangers Satan places in our pathway.

When we see danger flee do we flee from it – by submitting to God.

**JAMES 4:7-10 -** ***Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.***