

Letter 358
Legal Right!? Who Says?
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Dear Dan,

Over the years, I have heard from a variety of Church sources, more than a few voices saying that Satan and/or his resources had a “legal right” to be wherever they were at, or do whatever it was they were doing; while referencing perhaps some demon that had been harassing a Christian, or maybe invading a relationship.

And every time I would be exposed to this doctrine, the “Berean Yellow Flag” would go up, indicating that further study was necessary before I could agree or disagree with the doctrine being revealed by that particular phrase.

After searching the Scriptures, I have come to a different line of thought, which at this point in time I put on Line 2 (Likely To Be True) of the Anti-Deception Grid (see [Letter 257](#)).

This opposing viewpoint informs me that ever since Jesus spoke the words...

“... IT IS FINISHED”;

Satan and all of his resources became both DE-AUTHORIZED and ILLEGAL forever.

According to Scripture, Satan is an **opportunistic criminal** (see 1 Peter 5:8). So are all of the fallen angels that followed him, and their ungodly offspring, the demons. They are by nature inherently ILLEGAL in their own persons, in their entirety. Likewise so all of their works are ILLEGAL in their entirety.

Just because the Scripture describes an activity of Satan subsequent to the resurrection of Christ does not imply the Devil is right, or that he has a legal right.

Every man is illegal outside of Christ, dead in sins and trespasses, and may, either by design or default, participate in any variety of illegal Satanic activities or beliefs.

Here are just some of the Scriptures that have led me to this doctrinal consideration:

Matthew 28:18

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying,

“ All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth...”

Colossians 2:11-15

In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

**Having disarmed principalities and powers,
He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.**

Jude 1:14-15

Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment on all,

**to convict all who are ungodly
among them of all their ungodly
deeds which they have committed in an ungodly
way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly
sinners have spoken against Him.**

Blessings...

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