

# The Power and Authority of Jesus Christ

Acts 19:8-20

## Introduction

The great universal battle between God and Satan is the struggle over the souls of men.

Ephesians 6:12

**The heart is the citadel of the soul. The eyes and ears are its gates. The mind is the battlefield.**

**Satan targets the believer's mind.**

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

Hebrews 12:1-2

**Jesus reproved sin and offered grace. He didn't cast out demons as the cause of a person's sins.**

**Three reasons why Jesus and His apostles cast out demons:**

1. To authenticate who they were as Messiah and His messengers.
2. To validate the message they preached.
3. To alleviate human misery.

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1. Belief/Faith/Trust (Colossians 1:13; 1 Peter 5:8-9)
2. Prayer (Luke 22:31-32)
3. Obedience (Matthew 7:21-23; Ephesians 5:3-10; 1 John 3:7-9; James 4:7-8)
4. Repentance (Acts 26:18; 2 Timothy 2:25-26)
5. Self-control (Proverbs 25:28; 1 Corinthians 9:25; Ephesians 4:26-27)
6. Self-denial (2 Peter 2:19)
7. Service (1 John 3:10)

**v8**

*"three months"*

**v9**

*"Tyrannus"*

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**v11 - v12**

Acts 3:10-12

**The Fraudulent Faux Falsehood of our Familiar Foe and the *Faust*-like Fools who Faithfully Follow him.**

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Mark 1:23-25

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**2<sup>nd</sup> The 7 *spiritual* means of our defense against the power of Satan and his demons: Ephesians 6:10-20**

1. "the belt of truth" (v14a)
2. "the breastplate of righteousness" (14b)
3. "readiness given by the gospel of peace" (v15)
4. "the shield of faith" (v16)
5. "the helmet of salvation" (v17a)
6. "the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (v17b)
7. "praying at all times in the Spirit" (v18)

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A right recognition of who Jesus was resulted in a right response from the people: *reverential fear leading to repentance.*

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**v19**

**v20**

Luke 4:36

Acts 6:7

Acts 12:24

Isaiah 40:8

Psalms 33:9-11

Isaiah 14:24