

Dear Friends,

Our Lord Jesus walked this earth for about 30 years. At the beginning of His earthly ministry, immediately after He was baptized, He was thrown into the wilderness for 40 days, to be tempted by the Tempter himself. He was tempted as we are tempted, yet did not sin. He overcame the devil by Word and prayer. Jesus did this as your Substitute and mine, living the perfect life we could never live. He was led to the cross, to die a death that we deserve. Three days later He rose from the grave, to defeat sin, Satan, and death for all. In Baptism He claims you as His own, so that you might live as His child now and always. To be certain, Satan is alive and well, and seeks to devour our souls. But Jesus gives to all who believe in Him victory over sin, Satan, and death. He gives us weaponry for our battles with Satan, these are listed in Ephesians 6. The lives we live are daily battles with the one who is at war with Jesus, but He has overcome the Evil One and gives to all an overwhelming victory who believe in Him.

As we enter the season of Lent, we are reminded of Jesus' life lived well for us. During this time, we cleanse our hearts and lives through the disciplines of prayer, repentance, fasting, and worship. It is a time for us to prepare for the joy of Easter, a time when God will renew our zeal in faith and life.

May you use this Lenten season to grow closer to Jesus. Don't neglect worship, Bible study, and prayer. Seek to spend more time with the Lord in His Word. Grow in your faith, so that you will be prepared to for the daily battles we all face, knowing that our Lord is faithful.

May the blessings of Lent be yours now and always,

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