

**CHRISTMAS AT GRACE:
IT IS WRITTEN
PROPHECIES OF JESUS' PURPOSE
GENESIS 3:15; 1 JOHN 3:8; ISAIAH 53**
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Jesus has come to build and destroy.

Genesis 3:15

I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.

1 John 3:8

Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.

Q: What are the works of the devil?

- Murder/Hatred – John 8:44a *You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning,*
 - Murder is an attack not just on the person but on the image of God.
- Lies – John 8:44b *and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.*
 - False doctrine – 1 Timothy 4:1 *Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons,*
- Theft – John 10:10a *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.*

Q: What are Jesus' tactics to destroy the works of the devil?

A: Isaiah 53:4-6

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

John 10:10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.¹⁴ I am the good shepherd.

Acts 10:43

To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

Isaiah 53:12b

yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Luke 23:34

And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."