

Spiritual Road Blocks

1st Thes 2:18 (Topical Message)



Grace Christian Church Offer to You

If you are interested in learning more about **God's Grace**, want to join a **prayer meeting**, or want to be involved in starting a **Grace Group in your home**, please contact us on FB or our Website. We recently started a private group on Facebook called ***"Grace Healing Hearts"*** to discuss in more depth the wonderful truths of Grace with those who are interested ***(In Private FB Messenger Chat Group)***. Grace Christian Church is in the process of changing the way we assemble as a church by the prompting of the Holy Spirit. ***If you can't come to our geographic location, we want to bring the church to you and your home***, having a similar experience like the 1st century house church.

GPS will inform you of a ***Physical Road Block***, and detour you to get back on track. That is awesome technology being used for the good. But there is also another type of road block GPS can't detour around. Paul experience this type of road block in his attempt to visit and minister to the Thessalonian Church. He attributes the road block to Satan, saying Satan hindered and impeded Him. I am calling this a ***Spiritual Road Block***.

Satan - Descriptions

Ephesians 2:2 (AMP)

² In which at one time you walked [habitually]. You were following the course *and* fashion of this world [were under the sway of the tendency of this present age], following the **prince of the power of the air**. [You were obedient to and under the control of] the [demon] spirit that still constantly works in the sons of disobedience [the careless, the rebellious, and the unbelieving, who go against the purposes of God].

2 Corinthians 4:4 (AMP)

⁴ For the **god of this world** has blinded the unbelievers' minds [that they should not discern the truth], preventing them from seeing the illuminating light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ (the Messiah), Who is the Image *and* Likeness of God.

Paul was hindered by Satan (Not Described How) from going to see the Thessalonian Church. Today I want to look at 3 effective hindrances to intimacy with God that Satan uses as **Spiritual Road Blocks**:

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- 1. Fear of God**
- 2. Doubting God**
- 3. Circumstances Diverting One Away From God**

1 Thessalonians 2:18 (AMP)

¹⁸ Because it was our will to come to you. [I mean that] I, Paul, again and again [wanted to come], but Satan hindered *and* impeded us.

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1. Fear of God

As a believer should we fear God? ---- Answer is a Resounding NO!

Brothers & Sisters – All believers are united to Jesus Christ, are indwelt with the Holy Spirit, have Spiritual Life (Eternal Life, Christ's Life), and will be with Christ for eternity, and have Christ as our source to live our life.

We should never fear God as the Evil One wants us to do. We can fear the consequences of sin and the effects it has on us and our loved ones – but we should never fear God. Satan uses this tactic effectively in the life of a believer. If you fear God, you will never be intimate with Him. How sad, but an effective strategy from Satan. Intimacy with God and living life with Christ as your source is spiritual power.

Satan knows this, so he uses fear of God as a Spiritual Road Block!

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2. Doubting God

Genesis 3:2-5 (NASB) ² The woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; ³ but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.'" ⁴ The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die! ⁵ "For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Doubt (Lie) – You will not die, you will be like God (He is holding back from you), you don't need Him, you will be just like Him!

Brothers and Sisters – Satan wants men to doubt the promises of God made to the unsaved for salvation, and for the saved to live intimately connected to Him. Eve doubted what God said, we also doubt what God says (because Satan introduces doubt in our minds, and we believe Satan over God). We have the written word, and thousands of promises in the bible to believe in. Do you believe them?

God says I will never leave you or forsake you – Do you believe it?

God says be anxious for nothing – Do you believe it?

God says He will supply all our needs according His riches and glory – Do You believe it?

God says He will work out all things for the good – Do you believe it?

God says we are not under Law, but under Grace – Do you believe it?

God says you died to the Law and have been united to Christ to bear His fruit – Do you believe it?

God says He will heal your soul (Mind, Will, Emotions) as you trust Him– Do you believe it?

God says He is coming back for His Church – Do you believe it?

God says He desires all Men to be saved – Do you believe it?

God says He will give you rest if you come to Him – Do you believe it?

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3. Circumstances Diverting One Away From God

What do I mean when I say circumstances – These are things that happen that are out of our control, but happen and divert man away from God. This is the prince of the power of the air who causes this (God allows it), and thinks he is destroying your life.

2 Corinthians 1:8 (NASB)

⁸ For we do not want you to be unaware, brethren, of our affliction which came *to us* in Asia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life;

Paul was burdened excessively – beyond his strength – even despaired his life

Who is behind this? Of course, its Satan (World System, Using Men's Flesh).

Circumstances in life that burden excessively beyond our strength, so we are diverted away from God, and have to deal with the circumstance.

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God wants to have an Intimate relationship with you, Let's thwart the Evil Ones Attempt to Block us from God!

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