Christ Came To Destroy The Work Of Satan

Intro: John records that the purpose of Jesus’ coming was to destroy Satan’s work; 1 John 3:8 “He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.” Let us consider this study from 2 aspects: the need of it, and Jesus’ purpose in coming.

I. The Need.

A. Creation.
1. God creates man in His image; Gen. 1:27 “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.”
2. There is sweet fellowship between God and man; Gen. 3:8a “And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day:”

B. Sin Enters The World.
1. The command.
   a. Gen. 2:16-17 “And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: 17But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”
   b. Adam and Eve understood that command; Gen. 3:3 “But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.”
2. The temptation.
   a. Gen. 3:4-5 “And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: ‘For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.”
   b. Satan used every method to tempt Eve.
      (1) 1 John 2:16 “For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.”
      (a) Lust of the flesh.
      (b) Lust of the eyes.
      (c) Pride or vainglory of life.
      (2) Gen. 3:6 “And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.”
      (a) Lust of the flesh—tree was good for food
      (b) Lust of the eyes—pleasant to the eyes
      (c) pride of life—a tree desired to make one wise.
   c. They succumb to the temptation; Gen. 3:6 “And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.”
2. The Result.
   a. Gen. 2:17 “But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”
   b. They were cast out of the presence of God.
      (1) Gen. 3:23-24 “Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. 24So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.”
      (2) Death is separation; Adam and Eve died spiritually.
c. Sin came into the world, now all men sin.
   (1) Rom. 3:23 “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;”
   (2) Gal. 3:22 “But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by
faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.”

II. GOD’S PROMISE
A. The Promise.
   1. Gen. 3:15 “And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her
      seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”
      a. Stated to Satan.
      b. Heb. 2:14-15 “Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also
         himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had
         the power of death, that is, the devil; 15 And deliver them who through fear of death were
         all their lifetime subject to bondage.”
      c. As Jesus died, Satan bruised his heel (won a temporary victory); but Jesus
         destroyed his power.
   2. Gen. 12:1-3 “Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy
      kindred, and from thy father’s house, unto a land that I will shew thee: 2 And I will make of thee a
      great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: 3 And I will
      bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth
      be blessed.”

B. Old Testament prophets prophesied of His coming to die on the cross for sinful man.
   1. Some of the prophecies of His coming.
      a. Psa. 40:6-8 “Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened:
         burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required. 7 Then said I, Lo, I come: in the
         volume of the book it is written of me, 8 I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is
         within my heart.”
      b. Psa. 68:18 “Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast
         received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell among
         them.”
      c. Isa. 53:4-12 “Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem
         him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 4 But he was wounded for our transgressions,
         he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with
         his stripes we are healed. 5 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one
         to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. 6 He was oppressed,
         and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter,
         and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. 7 He was taken
         from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was stricken
         out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. 8 And he
         made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no
         violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. 9 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he
         hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his
         seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. 10 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my
         righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. 11 Therefore will I divide
         him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath
         poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare
         the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.”

   2. Gal. 4:4-5 “But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman,
      made under the law, 4 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption
      of sons.”
   3. God was working everything together for the sending of His Son to destroy the
      work of Satan.
III. JESUS INTENTION IN COMING.

A. His Intention was to die for the sins of the world.
   1. Mat. 1:21 “And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.”
   2. John 1:29 “The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”
   3. 1 Tim. 1:15 “This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.”
   4. 1 John 3:5 “And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.”

B. He knew His purpose.
   1. Mat. 16:21 “From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.”
   2. Luke 9:51 “And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem,”
   3. John 10:15 “As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.”
   4. Luke 12:50 “But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!”
   5. Mat. 20:17-19 “And Jesus going up to Jerusalem took the twelve disciples apart in the way, and said unto them, “Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him: and the third day he shall rise again.”
   6. Mat. 20:28 “Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.”
   7. John 12:27 “Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.”
   8. John 18:11 “Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?”

Conclusion: Man needed to have the work of Satan destroyed. Man sins, thus in need of a savior. That savior is our Lord Jesus Christ. Through faith in Him, we can be saved from sin and saved eternally in heaven.