"If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?"

Matthew 12:26



How do the Holy Bible and the Church teach us how to deal with Satan and the power of darkness?



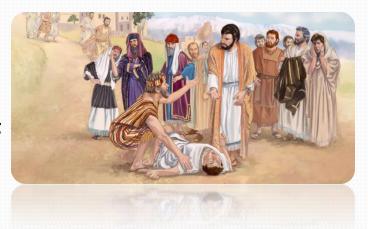
I. In the Baptism (1)

"I renounce you Satan, and all your unclean works, and all your wicked angels and all your evil demons, and all your power, and all your abominable service, and all evil cunning and error, and all your army, and all your authority, and all the rest of your impieties"



I. In the Baptism (2)

"When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. Then he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes, he finds it empty, swept, and put in order. Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first" Matthew 12: 43 - 45



II. In our daily prayers

 "All envy, all temptation, all the work of Satan, the council of wicked men and the rising up of enemies, hidden and manifest, take them away from us and from all your people, and from this your holy place"



III. Not to participate in any of his works (1)

"Their sorrows shall be multiplied who hasten after another god; Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, Nor take up their names on my lips." Psalm 16:4



2. "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them" Ephesians 5:11

III. Not to participate in any of his works (2)

"For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness?
And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has
Christ with Belial?" 2 Cor. 6:14 – 15



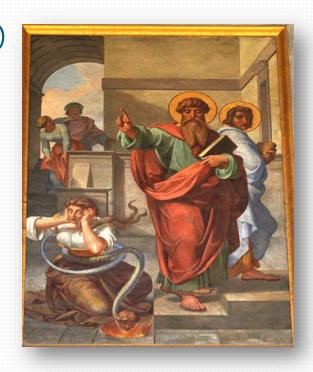
IV. Not to accept his help (1)

"... and devils came out of many,
crying out, and saying, "You are
Christ, the Son of God!" And He,
rebuking them, did not allow them to
speak" Luke 4:41



IV. Not to accept his help (2)

"Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortunetelling. This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour" Acts 16: 16 - 19



V. Walk in the Light

• The Power of Gravitation:

- "Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going" John 12:35
- "But he who sins against me wrongs his own soul; All those who hate me love death." Proverbs 8:36



VI. Don't give him a place

1. Evil can't be corrected by evil: "Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse" Romans 12: 14



2. Close his points of access: "Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil" Ephesians 4: 26 - 27

VII. Put on the Armor of God

"Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints" Ephesians 6: 14 - 18

