

MISSIONS, TERRORISM — and the — SECRET CHURCH

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There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors, and hail a materialist or magician with the same delight. - C.S. Lewis

- **We are involved in a _____ war against a defeated, but dangerous enemy.**

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Ephesians 6:12

- 1. Satan uses terror to destroy the _____ and the _____ of the church.**

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:10

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 1 Peter 5:8

- 2. God has raised up missionaries to go to _____ and _____ places.**

⁹ For it seems to me that God has put us apostles on display at the end of the procession, like men condemned to die in the arena. We have been made a spectacle to the whole universe, to angels as well as to men. ¹⁰ We are fools for Christ, but you are so wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are honored, we are dishonored! 1 Corinthians 4:9-10

- The populations of the _____ least evangelized countries in the world live within the “10-40 Window.”
- In closed countries and in spite of intense persecution, the “_____ church” is fearlessly sharing Christ.

- 3. We have an opportunity to partner with believers around the world who are breaking through _____ for the sake of the Gospel.**

¹⁶ for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. ¹⁷ Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. ¹⁸ I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. Philippians 4:16-18

Next Steps for November 29:

- ☐ Bring your gifts for our church and our missionaries next Sunday for our World Mission Offering.
- ☐ Pray for our guest Jana Jackson and her work in the DFW area.
- ☐ Bring a friend for Week One of our Christmas message series - “PAUSE.”
- ☐ Check the connection card for more information about our next BAPTISM CELEBRATION, Sunday December 13.