

STANDING OUT: Stand Confident in Cancel Culture

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The Church Needs a Confidence-Culture, That Overrules a Cancel-Culture.

1. Acknowledge Our **Combative** Enemy (9).

2. Accept Our **Cultural** Hostility (10-12).

3. Anticipate Our **Confident** Victory (8).

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And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming.

⁹The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders,

¹⁰and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. ¹¹Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, ¹²in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness. (ESV)

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Discussion Questions:

1. What frightens you about the end times? How is it a comfort knowing that God is not surprised by any of it?
2. In the last days and leading up to the return of the Lord the Bible is clear that deceptions will abound. What deceptions are you seeing in our times? Verse 6 calls us to “not be ignorant.” How can we be strangely at peace even seeing mass deception and sin in our times?
3. Martin Luther famously said that “Even the Devil is God’s devil.” How does such an understanding of Satan’s limited power help us stand when he is on the attack in the last days?

Quote for the Week. . . by Oswald Sanders



“Lest we be ‘terrified by our adversaries,’ it is well to remember that Satan’s power is not inherent but permitted (Rom. 13:1). It is not unlimited, but controlled (Job 1:12; 2:6). It is not invincible, but broken (Luke 11:21-11). It is not assured of success, but is surely doomed (Rev. 20:2-3). Satan knows well that there is no ultimate victory for him. The pronounced sentence has only been postponed. But he works to hinder and postpone Christ’s final triumph. We can rejoice in the certainty of John’s assurance: ‘Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world’ (1 John 4:4).”