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News of the Week:

1. Class notes posted to www.SJCalvaryBerean.com or scan the QR code to the right
2. Food Bank ("Project M25:40")
 - i. Interested? **Call Rose Sullivan @ 408-340-0889 (or talk to me after class)**
3. Jan Markell interviews Michelle Bauchmann and they conclude a form of global government is here NOW! The centerpiece of this is healthcare. Topics discussed:
 - i. Will the WHO use a new 'health crisis' to roll out a new digital ID?
 - ii. The digital Passport is implemented NOW! It wasn't voted on, it was just implemented (in EU now; when will it be rolled out globally?)
 - iii. Remember: "Climate Change is the cause of all health issues!"
 - iv. YouTube: <https://bit.ly/44341aN> and Rumble: <https://bit.ly/43S2J2B>
4. Agenda Weekly: "The Weaponization Of Food" - <https://agendaweekly.com/the-weaponization-of-food/>
 - i. <https://bit.ly/44GSLlI>
5. Articles illustrating the erosion of our right to free-speech
 - i. In wake of Trump's arraignment, Analyst says Prosecutor will have to prove he knows Trump's thoughts
 1. <https://bit.ly/43XUtOx>
 - ii. Arrested - simply for reading the Bible: Police detain 4 young Christians at Drag Queen Event
 1. <https://bit.ly/43ROgDG>
 - iii. Christians gather at Idaho Capitol after media outlet threatens "Keep Your Religion out of Gov't"
 1. <https://bit.ly/3Qolfvf>
6. David Grusch (UAP Whistleblower) original NewsNaton Interview - <https://bit.ly/3YpsEgH>
7. Belief in 'Spiritual Matters' at lowest point ever: Gallup - <https://bit.ly/3qedn5K>
8. (2 days ago) As organized religion falters, the devil falls on hard times - <https://bit.ly/3KtNpSI>



II. Dealing With Demons

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| 1. Demons can't make you act against your will | [] | [] | |
| 2. Demons can't attack 'true' Christians | [] | [] | |
| 3. Demons always appear as dark, evil beings | [] | [] | |
| 4. Demons can inhabit inanimate items | [] | [] | [] |
| 5. Satan can be everywhere | [] | [] | |
| 6. Continual sin is demonically initiated | [] | [] | |
| 7. Demons can appear in physical form | [] | [] | |
| 8. Evil people like Hitler become demons when they die | [] | [] | |
| 9. All bad situations are due to demonic attacks | [] | [] | |
| 10. Demons can influence your Biblical understanding | [] | [] | |
2. What does the Bible tell us about Demons? Ephesians 6:12
 - i. Demons are fallen angels (Rev 12:9)
 - ii. When Satan fell, he took 1/3 of the angels with him (Rev 12:4)
 - iii. Some demons are already locked "in darkness, bound with everlasting chains" (Jude 6)
 - iv. Others are free to roam (Eph 6:12)
 - v. Demons still follow Satan as their leader and do battle with the holy angels in an attempt to thwart God's plan and hinder God's people (Dan 10:13).
 - vi. Demons, as spirit beings, have the ability to take possession of an UNSAVED physical body.
 - vii. Demonic possession occurs when a person's body is controlled by a demon. (Matt 9:32-33; 12:22; 17:18; Mark 5:1-20; 7:26-30; Luke 4:33-36; Luke 22:3; Acts 16:16-18)
 - viii. This can't happen to a Christian, since the Holy Spirit resides in the heart of a believer in Christ (1 John 4:4 and 2 Cor 6:14-18).
 - ix. What are demons and where did they come from? Rev 12:9

III. Quiz Answers (Don't cheat and read ahead ... YES THIS MEANS YOU!)

1. Demons can't make you act against your will
 - i. True ... and False (you have to give them permission)
 - ii. Romans 6:16
 - iii. Romans 7:15-20

- iv. 1 Corinthians 10:12-13
- 2. **Demons can't attack 'true' Christians**
 - i. False (see <https://bit.ly/45dXcEu> and <https://bit.ly/3s5XOJ1>) and Eph 6:10-12
 - ii. Christians who are under a strong demonic influence are "oppressed" by a demon, but not possessed! There's no example anywhere in Scripture of a Christian being possessed by a demon.
 - iii. "OH YEAH? Well what about Judas?!?! Luke 22:3 and John 13:27 both say 'Satan entered Judas!' What about THAT!? And what about the 'Spirit of distress' that possessed Saul? HA! GOTCHA!"
 - 1. **Was Judas even a believer?** While we can't be certain why Judas betrayed Jesus:
 - 2. 1st, although Judas was chosen to be one of the Twelve (John 6:64), all scriptural evidence points to the fact that he never believed or accepted Jesus to be God.
 - 3. 2nd, unlike the other disciples who called Jesus "Lord," Judas **never** used this title for Jesus & instead called Jesus "Rabbi," acknowledging Jesus as nothing more than a good 'teacher'.
 - 4. 3rd, other disciples made great professions of faith in & loyalty to Jesus (John 6:68, 11:16; Matt 16:15; Mark 8:29), Judas **NEVER** praised Jesus openly, & remained silent to Jesus' deity.
 - 5. This lack of faith is the proof of Judas' rejection of Jesus
 - 6. **The same holds true for us!** If we fail to recognize Jesus as God incarnate, & the **only** One who can provide salvation & forgiveness for our sins, we will be subject to numerous other problems that stem from a wrong view of God.
 - 7. Please **NEVER** fall into the lie that a person's trials are due to unconfessed sin in their life.
 - 8. Possibly the most famous recording of the righteous being attacked by demons is Paul's 'thorn in the flesh' (2 Corinthians 12:6-8). Also check out John 9:1-7
- 3. **Demons always appear as dark, evil beings**
 - i. False (<https://www.gotquestions.org/Satan-demons-look-like.html>) and 2 Cor 11:14-15
- 4. **Demons can inhabit inanimate items**
 - i. False (www.gotquestions.org/demons-objects.html) and (www.gotquestions.org/shamanism.html)
 - ii. Note in Matthew, Mark & Luke where Jesus cast's the demons from the 'Demonic' into the herd of pigs, it was from one living, corporeal being into another.
 - iii. The reason for getting rid of inanimate objects (idols or books) Act 19:19 is to remove the temptations to return to forbidden practices (Acts 19:19)
- 5. **Satan can be everywhere**
 - i. False (Christianity Today: <https://bit.ly/3qdeFhF> & www.gotquestions.org/Satan-omnipresent.html)
- 6. **Continual/Habitual sin is demonically initiated**
 - i. It can be, but remember: Satan tempts, God tests (www.gotquestions.org/habitual-sin.html)
 - ii. Habitual sin can have some **DEVASTATING** consequences Hebrews 10:26-27 & 2 Cor 10:3-6
 - iii. How do you break the cycle of habitual/continuing sin? James 5:16
 - iv. Pray God leads you to a TRUSTED & MATURE Christian Accountability Partner
- 7. **Demons can appear in physical form** (www.gotquestions.org/Satan-demons-look-like.html)
 - i. Scripturally, it seems they can't manifest their own appearance, but they can inhabit a body.
 - ii. There's no specific verse saying they can't, but none recording a physical appearance like the Angels either (other than through a host as in Matt 4:23-25 & 17:18; Mark 5:1-20; Luke 4:33-34; Acts 16:16-18)
 - iii. Satan did appear to Christ in Matthew 4:1-11, but Satan isn't a demon ... & Christ is GOD!
- 8. **Evil people become demons when they die**
 - i. False (Heb 9:27 & www.gotquestions.org/evil-people.html)
 - ii. Remember, Demons are fallen Angels. But evil people face God's judgement as well.
 - iii. Hell was "prepared" for Satan and demons (Matt 25:41). It was created for Satan but will also be the destination for those who reject Christ (2 Peter 2:4-9)
- 9. **All bad situations result from demons**
 - i. False (John 16:33 and www.gotquestions.org/bad-things-good-people.html)
 - ii. Note it says we **WILL** have trouble... not 'you might', 'you could', or 'on the rare occasion'...
 - iii. Romans 8:28 Note it doesn't say ALL THINGS ARE GOOD, but that all things WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD TO THOSE WHO LOVE GOD (<https://bit.ly/2VQUgTk>)
 - iv. Remember, Satan tempts, God tests
 - v. Sometimes the 'trials' aren't just for us: 2 Corinthians 1:3-4
- 10. **Demons can influence our Biblical understandings**
 - i. True
 - ii. If not, why are we told to "**Test the spirits**" (1 John 4:1-3)
 - iii. Galatians 1:8 tells us "**But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.**"
 - iv. Accursed = 'anathema' or 'divine curse' (used 6x in Bible)
 - v. Remember, Satan influenced Judas' understanding of Who Jesus was/is ... & that didn't turn out to well for him.

Takeaways: NEVER FORGET WHERE THE BATTLE IS: Eph 6:12 and 1 John 4:4
Christians aren't to fear demons, but we're to be vigilant & alert for their temptations

Not all trials are demonic attacks... some are Godly tests.