

THE SERMON

“RESISTANCE IS FUTILE”

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What is temptation?



temp · ta · tion
/tem(p)'tāSH(ə)n/
Noun.

“the desire to do something, especially something wrong or unwise.”

synonyms: desire, urge, itch, impulse,
inclination

GOOD



EVIL

Dualism:

Is one of the most recurring and popular Christian Heresies of all time dating back to the 2nd century. Basically it is the separating the spirit/soul (which is thought of as being good and coming from God) and the body (which is thought of as being bad and coming from the devil).

Dualism leads to the idea that there is a battle of Good and Evil that is either going on in the created world or inside ourselves.



Simul Justus et Peccator



At once Justified and Sinner



There is no battle of Good
and Evil!

God has always been and is
in control.





Some think the reason for
temptation is so we can give
our "yes" to God and our "no"
to Satan/Devil.

We are in big trouble!



CAN YOU BE
GOOD
WITHOUT
GOD?



If there is no battle and
God always wins, why do we
pray to resist temptation?



Why do we pray for God's
will to be done?



The Sixth Petition (Small Catechism)

And lead us not into temptation.

What does this mean? God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.









Jesus uses the Scripture to counter each of the devils temptations.

That is a message to us how we are to counter the temptations of this life.

You need a faith community to do it in and use as resource and sounding board. So it just isn't you making the decisions.

And don't forget Prayer...why do we pray?



The battle has already been won on the Cross and
with Jesus' resurrection.

We are in mop up detail!

Evil only has power when God gives it to
accomplish his purpose which is to save.

Sin brings us to our knees to bring us to God.

Resistance is Futile!

