

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**March 8, 2026**

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Greeters</b>
03/08	Craig and Kevin	Craig and Michelle Comstock
03/15	Dan T and Dave C.	Jim and Ruth Robbins

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- **10:30 am: Morning Worship and Communion**
- **12:30 pm: Mission Prayer Meeting**

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- **Thu, Mar 12, 9:30: Ladies Bible Study**
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- **Thu, Mar 12, 6:00 pm: Trail Life**
- **Mar 11-13: Special Presbytery Meeting** in Manchester NH.
- **Mar 13-15: Youth Winter Weekend** – participants, hosts and drivers should receive an email with details early in the week. Please pray for this time together and for our speaker, Josh Littlefield.

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- **April 3:** Good Friday Service.
- **Fri-Sat, Apr 17-18: Presbytery Ladies' Retreat** at Swanzey, NH. See info on foyer table. Registrations due March 25. – brochures in the foyer.
- **Covenant Kids' Camp** is July 20-24. Mark your calendars!
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## ON CHRIST'S BAPTISM, TEMPTATION AND THE GLORIOUS AFTERMATH

Luke 4:13-21

The first creature to object at the joyful event of Christ's baptism is Satan. Therefore, the first conflict of Christ's public ministry was with the great deceiver, the Devil.

How does our Lord fight this arch-enemy? He uses the Word of God to combat three eruptions of temptation. Each time Satan questions the veracity of God's Word and Law overarching Christ's life, Christ responds by hurling a Scripture stone at the Devil – until the evil one leaves, defeated by the Word Christ spoke and “waiting until a more opportune time” (Luke 4:13, NIV).

Satan does not give up. Full of self-confidence, he believes there would be a time in the future to successfully tempt the Son of God to switch allegiance to him. Though he leaves the scene of his defeat, he comforts himself that there would be another opportunity to attack Christ. Why? Because the Devil placed his hope in the *peccability* of Christ (believing that it was possible for him to find the temptation that would make Christ's fall *possible*). This is one of the fatal flaws of Satan's strategy against the Son of God – in Christ's day or in ours – assuming that Christ could actually sin if the right temptation could be found.

But Jesus Christ resisted sin *to the very utmost* because it was impossible for Him to sin! That is what Christ's impeccability means. In other words, one of the doctrines which we are to *treasure* when it comes to our Savior, is His *impeccability*, which means that Christ was not only sinless in behavior, but that He was incapable of sinning, since He did not only refuse sin, but did not even “know sin,” (2 Corinthians 5:21). In short, the *impeccability* of Christ means that, because of His Divine power and holiness, though Jesus could be tempted, He could never give into the temptation. Sinning was not possible for Christ, and so Satan's waiting “for an opportune time” to tempt Christ was doomed to failure from the start.

As William G. T. Shedd (volume 2 of his work, “Christology” p 332-335) puts it:

The omnipotence of the Divine Christ preserves the finite human nature of Christ from falling, however great may be the stress of temptation to which our finite nature is exposed ... The Divine nature cannot *innocently* and *righteously* leave the human nature to its own finiteness without any support from the Divine.

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