4. What is the "abyss?" Where else is it mentioned in Revelation? What is it for? Why does Pastor Paul believe this binding of Satan is not happening right now in the Church Age? How do the descriptions of his binding in this passage not support the idea that he is only being prevented from deceiving "nations," not individuals? What evidence do we have that he is deceiving both individuals and nations right now?

5. If Satan is not bound now, how are we supposed to do battle with him and his minions during this age? Are we told to bind them or cast them out? If not, what can we do? See 2 Cor. 2:10-11; Eph. 4:26-27; James 4:4-10; 1 Pet. 5:5-11; Eph. 6:10-20; Mt. 4:1-11.

6. Why does Pastor Paul believe the "thousand years" in Rev. 20 is literally 1,000 years?

7. When Satan is released from the abyss at the end of the 1,000 years, has his incarceration caused him to repent? Note: look also at the beast and the false prophet in Rev. 20:10 who have been in the Lake of Fire for 1,000 years. Do they ever repent? Does it purify them? If not, what does this say about the idea of "Purgatory" (the process of purification after death so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter into the joy of heaven)? What does this say about "reincarnation?" See Heb. 9:27.

8. Satan is actively deceiving people in the world today. Can you identify any ways that he has been deceiving you (or trying to deceive you)? If someone has not yet turned from sin in repentance and placed their faith exclusively in Jesus Christ for forgiveness, righteousness, and eternal life, they are being deceived. What excuses might they give for not responding to the Gospel of Jesus? How would you answer those excuses and show them how they have been deceived? (Examples: I have time to do that later; I'm basically a good person; I believe in Jesus as Savior but not Lord…)

9. Who do you know that needs salvation from God's coming wrath? Pray for them and plan a time to tell them Who Jesus is and What He has done for them. Call them to repent and believe so they can enjoy the times of refreshing (Acts 3:19-21; Rom. 8:18-23) that will come in the Millennial Kingdom (Rev. 20) and then ultimately in the Eternal State (Rev. 21-22).

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"The Things Which Will Take Place" – Part 37

"The Millennial Kingdom – Part 1"

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      a. Satan's Restraint (1-3)

[1] Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. [2] And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; [3] and he threw him into the abyss, and shut *it* and sealed *it* over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.

1) The Proxy (1a)

2) The Prisoner (2)

3) The Prison (1b-3a)

a) Location

b) Limitations

c) Length

4) The Purpose (3b-d)

So What?

Discussion & Application:

1. Why does Pastor Paul believe Rev. 19:11-20:1 is sequential, not recapitulatory? What difference does it make to the different views on the timing of the Millennial Kingdom (A-, Post-, Pre-)?

2. God sends an angel to restrain Satan. What does that tell you about God's power vs Satan's power? How does understanding that help you deal with fear of the devil? See Heb. 2:14-18. According to Job chapters 1-2, can Satan do things to us if God says no?

3. Our text identifies the one who is restrained as the dragon, the serpent of old, the devil, and Satan. What do each of those names, titles, or descriptions mean? How do they help us understand how he operates?