

Revelation 12:10-12

OVERCOMING SATAN**Temptation**

- ◎ James 1:12
- ◎ What is it? *peirasmos* – “a trial or proving” (Strong 3986)
- ◎ In what ways are we tempted?
 - 1 John 2:14-16; James 1:14
 - Lust of the flesh
 - Lust of the eyes
 - Vainglory of life
- ◎ It is based on our desires

Temptation

- ◎ Who tempts us? James 1:13; John 8:44
 - God does not tempt us
 - Satan ultimately does
- ◎ Remember Job!

How Do We Overcome?

- ◎ By the blood of the Lamb – Revelation 12:11
 - Life is in the blood – Leviticus 17:10ff
 - Blood had to be spilled – Romans 6:23
 - Animals could not fix it – Hebrews 10:4
 - Only Christ – Hebrews 9:11-14
 - His blood is precious – 1 Peter 1:19
 - Has cleansing power like no other – 1 John 1:7-9

How Do We Overcome?

- ◎ The testimony of the Word of God – Revelation 12:11
 - Testimony – *marturia* – “what one testifies”
 - The Word is a weapon – Ephesians 6:13-17
 - It pierces to a fundamental level – Hebrews 4:12

How Do We Overcome?

- ◎ The testimony of the Word of God
 - It testifies of a Savior who overcame death, His cleansing blood, a place He prepared for us, our redemption and victory.
 - The very lives saints live testify of the Word’s power to change people!
 - We can overcome – 1 Corinthians 10:13; Acts 27:25

How Do We Overcome?

- ◎ A willingness to sacrifice all – Revelation 12:11
 - Many sacrificed their lives – Hebrews 11:35-40
 - Stephen – Acts 7:56-60
 - James – Acts 12:1
 - This is true faith
 - Action item – Revelation 2:10 – “... faithful until death”

Conclusion

- ◎ These saints had all they needed to overcome
- ◎ We have the same
- ◎ Not a member of His church – become one, escape the accuser of your soul
- ◎ Already a member – You can overcome when temptation rises