**1 – Overcoming Satan**

Revelation 12:11

2 - We’re in a battle for our souls…

Are we ready?

**“Our struggle is not against flesh and blood”**, Ephesians 6:10-12

It’s real! He’s active and vigilant – **“*Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour”,***1 Peter 5:8

3 - **Resist The Enemy**

It’s a…

**War** – (**Rev. 13:4; 2 Cor. 10:3-4**)

**Fight –** **(1 Tim. 6:12**)

**Struggle – (wrestle,** KJV**)–** (**Eph. 6:12**)

**The Command**: **“resist the devil”** (**Ephesians 6:13; James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:9**)

**The Promise: “He will flee from you”**

4 - **Plan to be victorious**

1. **Fellowship with God -** (1 John 4:4; Romans 8:31)
2. **“Do not give the devil an opportunity”** (Ephesians 4:27)
3. **“Be sober, be on the alert”** (1 Peter 5:8)
4. **“I commend you to…”** (Acts 20:32)
5. **“Pray at all times” (**Ephesians 6:18)
6. **Strength from our brethren** (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)
7. **Don’t look back** (Luke 9:62)
8. **Abounding in work** (1 Corinthians 15:58)

5 - “**And they overcame him because…”**

"Now the **salvation**, and **the power**, and the **kingdom of our God** and the **authority** **of His Christ** have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night. 11 And **they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death**.” **(Revelation 12:10-12)**

6 - “**And they overcame him because…”**

**The Blood Of The Lamb**

* We have no hope without - **Hebrews 9:13-14, 22; 10:10-14**
* Satan knows that. We see his efforts to keep us from the blood of Christ. **Romans 6:3-4**
* Satan seeks to keep those who have obeyed the gospel from continuing to access the blood of Christ. **1 John 1:7**
* What can Satan do to overcome the blood of the lamb?

7 - “**And they overcame him because…”**

**The Word Of Their Testimony**

* **The power is in the gospel in the hands of those who have the courage and conviction to speak it “in season and out of season” – (Romans 1:16; 2 Timothy 4:2)**
* **“Go on speaking and do not be silent…” (Acts 18:9)**
* **Only the “whole counsel” will due. (Acts 20:27; Jeremiah 26:2)**
* **What can Satan do with men like those we read of in
Acts 4:17-21; 5:25-29; 8:4?**

8 - “**And they overcame him because…”**

**They Did Not Love Their Life Even To Death**

* How can Satan succeed when we view this life as simply our preparation for our life to come? (**2 Corinthians 4:17; Romans 8:18)**
* What is Satan’s hope when our motto is, “to live is Christ, to die is gain” (**Philippians 1:21-24; Acts 20:24)**

9 - “**And they overcame him because…”**

**They Did Not Love Their Life Even To Death**

* What chance does he have to win when we’ve learned to truly **“deny self”** ? **Luke 9:23**
* Victory is ours if we are faithful even to the point of giving our lives for the cause of Christ. (**Revelation 2:10;
Daniel 3:15-18; 6:16ff)**

10 - “**And they overcame him because…”**

We don’t overcome without:

* Our **salvation**  (Hebrews 5:9)
* **The power of the gospel** (Romans 1:16)
* **Being added to the kingdom of our God** (Hebrews 12:28)
* All by the **authority** **of His Christ** (Colossians 3:17)