

SERMON SUMMARY:

Overcoming the Devil in the Last Days

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One of the central themes in the book of Revelation is the war between the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Satan. But we have read the end of the story and Satan does fail. The people of God will not be overcome. In fact, the people of God overcome the Devil and his followers. We overcome the devil and his strategies against us by three things:

1. The Blood of the Lamb

- I am Forgiven (Eph 1:7-8; Heb 10:17-18)
- I am Blameless (Rom 8:1-2; John 3:17-18)
- I am Loved (Jn 15:9-10; Rom 5:8; 8:37-39)
- I am Free (Jn 8:34-36; 2 Cor 3:16-17)
- I am Victorious (2 Cor 2:14-15; I Jn 5:3-5)
- I have Great Authority (Matt 28:18-20; Col 1:13-14; Eph 1:19-23)

2. The Word of our Testimony

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.” Rom 1:16

The devil can't stop the message. So he must stop the messenger.

3. The fact that we don't love our lives even when faced with death.

- We don't lose relationships, we gain perfect and eternal ones. (Luke 16:22)
- We don't lose opportunities to serve the Lord, we gain perfect and eternal ones. (Rev 3:21-22)
- We don't lose life, we gain a perfect and eternal one. (I Cor 13:12)
- We don't lose our home, we gain a perfect and eternal one. (Rev 21:10f) .

- We don't lose our relationship with the Lord, we gain a perfect and eternal one. (Rev 21:3-4, 22:3-4)

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Do you think there is a Spiritual battle that is raging behind the scenes of current events today?

How should we think about people who believe in radical Islam today? Read Matt 5:44. Does this verse change your answer?

What was your reaction to the video that Gary played with some of the parallels with modern day radical Islam and Germany?

What is God's strategy in Rev 12:11 that He has given us to overcome evil in the last days?

What does believing in the blood of the lamb mean to you? Gary said there are at least six implications of pleading the blood of the lamb in his sermon. Which one of them impacted you the most and why?

There is a famous quote by Francis of Assisi that says to go into all the world and preach the gospel... and if necessary use words. Is it always necessary to use words? Can someone become a Christian by them simply watching us or is there always a time where someone needs to say the words of their testimony?

Can you tell your testimony in 3-5 minutes? If so do you mind sharing it with us now? If not would you like help telling your story?

Are you afraid of death? Read Phil 1:21. How do you think Paul go to this place in his life?

What are some of gains that we will experience if we die?

Which gain brings your the most comfort and why?