

“THE ACCUSER VS THE OVERCOMING CHRISTIAN”

The Ministry of the Spirit

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Revelation 12:10-11 ¹⁰ And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “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 brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. ¹¹ And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.

Introduction: *The “It is finished” work of Christ assures us of our blood bought, totally secured, conquering position in Christ. But it does not guarantee that we will walk out that overcoming life in the face of the opposition of the world, the flesh and the devil that opposes us every day, perhaps every hour. God has provided the power for victory over Satan’s schemes, but we must provide the will (which God works in us) to exercise the sanctifying power we possess. That is the difference between living the overcoming Christian life and living the “mostly” defeated Christian life.*

The Prince of Darkness Grim; Very Grim

Satan’s (S)INDEED Resume:

Satan, aka, Lucifer, Beelzebub, the Devil, Prince of Darkness, Prince of the Power of the air, Ruler of this World

Titles: Deceiver, Devourer, Father of Lies, Accuser, Tempter, Thief, Murderer

Duties and Objectives: My “SOUL” purpose is to besmirch the glory of the one true God, arresting glory from him and making his image bearers look more like me than him.

To imprison and deceive mankind’s minds to believe they are made, not in the image of God, but in the image of ME!

Summary: I do whatever it takes to get my job done. And keep all prisoners.

It takes no effort for Satan to be who he is. He is who he is through and through. As our God is light and in Him there is no darkness (1 John 1:5), so Satan is darkness, and in him there is no light!

Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty (cunning, subtle, shrewd) than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made.

Crafty (Hebrew *aruwm*); passive participle While an active participle describes someone actively performing an action (e.g., “the destroying serpent”), a passive participle often denotes a state that has been achieved, filled, or fully formed within the subject.

John 8:44 You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character(his native language-NIV), for he is a liar and the father of lies.

Through Satan’s Deception We Inherited Death: It’s All In The Family

Because of our birth into Adam, inheriting his “dead in sin” spiritual DNA, we are all born into his death and sin, and as a result, slavery to this malevolent master, who in his deception, hides from us his true desires and intentions: Eternal death and torment, blinding eyes that we would not see the liberating truths of the gospel.

Romans 5:12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—

1 Corinthians 15:22a For in Adam, all die...

We Conquer(ed) the Accuser by the Blood of the Lamb

Satan doesn't want the world, dead spiritually in Adam, to know that they are dead in their sins; and he doesn't want those of us alive in Christ to KNOW that we really are alive in Christ, freed from the law of sin and death. It's his full time job!

But now:

Ephesians 1:7-8a In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us in all wisdom and insight...

Colossians 1:13 (for) he has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Romans 5:9 ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. Romans 8:1 (because) There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

God's salvation thru Christ's blood poured over us makes us not just conquerors, MORE than Conquerors! (Rms 8:37): The standard verb for "to conquer" or "to overcome". Hupernikao, an overwhelming conqueror.

True Believer in Jesus!! We HAVE BEEN SAVED(made holy)!!! Made new in Christ more than a conqueror! (and by the way, we are still being saved!! And on our last day, we WILL BE saved!)

We Conquer the Accuser by the Word of Our Testimony

Though we are totally saved in the sight of God because the blood of the eternal Word of God, Jesus himself, God calls us to put into practice the overcoming power that is ours in Christ by the Holy Spirit, and live like the overcomers we are in His sanctification process, resisting the accusations and temptations of the accuser.

Life is often hard and ugly. The Evil One animates incalculable evils. These are dark days. It's easy to feel overwhelmed, besieged, threatened, and vulnerable. ...With so much light, life, truth, goodness, strength, and protection pouring forth from Christ, why is the process so messy? Why are churches so weak and compromised? Why do we stumble so often? Why do we have so many blind spots?" [Safe & Sound, Standing Firm in Spiritual Battles, David Powlison, p. 30.](#)

"...Animates incalculable evils???"

Animates: to give life and energy to something. (Satan is actively fueling, provoking and driving evil actions into motion, even the actions that appear to many to be "good".

Incalculable: Beyond number. Satan is a 24/7/365 purveyor of every evil, both "large and small".

"Scripture treats spiritual warfare as a normal, everyday part of the Christian life, and so we should as well. It's not about spooky special effects. It's about how we think, feel, live, desire, and act in the presence of our enemies."

The real devil is utterly normal, and his role is fully integrated into daily life. Mundane evil is the devil's business." [Safe & Sound, Standing Firm in Spiritual Battles David Powlison, pgs. 14, 5](#)

The lion of 1 Peter 5 roaring at the front door of our hearts and minds often is a deceptive tactic, diverting our attention from the real enemy at the back door: a quiet, "harmless", little fox.

Song of Solomon 2:15 Catch the foxes for us, the little foxes that spoil the vineyards, for our vineyards are in blossom."

The command, in essence, is "Take preventative measures to protect this love from anything that could harm it." Song of Solomon 2:15 is a wise and beautiful verse. The vineyards are "in bloom"—the romance is alive and growing and preparing to bear fruit. But there is a need to round up the "foxes"—all potential threats to the relationship must be removed. The foxes are "little"—it's the little things, the things overlooked, that often spoil things of value. [Got Questions.com "What is the Meaning of the Foxes in Song of Solomon 2:15?"](#)

That overcoming victory over the accuser calls for using faith-filled, Bible rich language!
The Word of our Testimony takes on many forms!

FAITH-FILLED DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF TRUTH!

1 John 5:11 *And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and that life is in His Son.*

Psalms 107:1-2 *Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble (from the hand of the foe-NIV).*

Hebrews 4:12 ¹² *For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

FAITH-FILLED WORSHIP! (WORSHIP WARSHIPS!)

1 Chronicles 20:20b-21 *Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Hear me, Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem! Believe in the Lord your God, and you will be established; believe his prophets, and you will succeed." ²¹ And when he had taken counsel with the people, he appointed those who were to sing to the Lord and praise him in holy attire, as they went before the army, and say, "Give thanks to the Lord, for his steadfast love endures forever."*

Hebrews 13:15 ¹⁵ *Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.*

There are words that are just words, then there are "words" that are actions that say and accomplish in the spirit realm and others' lives a lot more than words!

FAITH-FILLED ACTION!

1 John 3:18 *Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. ¹⁹ This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence...*

1 Thessalonians 1:5 *For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction.*

Matthew 5:16

FAITH-FILLED WALKING OUT WHAT'S BEEN WORKED IN!

Colossians 3:1-4 *If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.*

Colossians 3:6-10 *Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, **evil desire, and** covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸ But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.*

Col.3:12-17 *Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ **Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,** teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

We Conquer the Accuser By Not Loving Our Lives Even to Death

"He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." Jim Elliot

"I think everybody should get rich and famous and do everything they ever dreamed of so they can see that it's not the answer." Jim Carrey

John 12:24-26 Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Whoever loves **(phileo)** his life loses **(psuche)** it, and whoever hates his life **(psuche)** in this world will keep it for eternal life **(zoe)**. ²⁶ If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

Luke 9:23 And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and daily and follow me.

1 Corinthians 15:31b I die every day...

*The believers who love their lives not even to death are the believers who fight the good fight of faith in the power of the Holy Spirit, through the Word, prayer and obedience, joyfully and increasingly counting their lives **(psuche)** as nothing. The result: consistent growth in the fact that in Christ we actually are more than OVERCOMERS. The result of that: more spiritual warfare battles won and the more faith grows. The more faith grows, the greater the hunger to know the Lord of the Word more and the Word of the Lord more. In that, the cycle of Word, Prayer, Faith, and Obedience grow. The result: greater transformation into His image from one degree of glory to another. The outcome:, the greater boldness and confidence that:*

We have indeed overcome the accuser by the Blood of the Lamb And the Word of our Testimony, loving our lives, not even to death!

Want to live like the overwhelming (Huper) conqueror you are in Christ? (Of course, you do!!)

Much Prayer + Much Word = Much Faith = Much overcoming b/c you're living like a "huper" Overcomer

Some Prayer + Some Word = Some Faith = some overcoming though in Christ a "huper" Overcomer

Little Prayer + Little Word = Little Faith = Little Overcoming though in Christ a "huper" Overcomer