

- 1) Is there a real spiritual conflict?
 - a) Human history is set on the backdrop of spiritual warfare. (Revelation 12:1-5)
 - b) But, why be discouraged? Do you believe in chance?
- 2) Is this war God's idea? (Genesis 3:15)
 - a) Are we on the defensive or the offensive? (Revelation 12:7)
 - b) There's a reason good soldiers don't question orders.
- 3) Just how are we to be overcomers? Revelation 12:10-12)
 - a) What does it mean by:
 - i) "the blood of the Lamb?"
 - ii) "the word of their testimony?"
 - b) What is your story?

The followers of Christ are bound to the Lord Jesus. Because Christ fights a battle, we fight a battle. His story becomes our story, and our story becomes his.

Revelation 12:9-12 ⁹ The great dragon was hurled down-- that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him. ¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. ¹¹ They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. ¹² Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short."