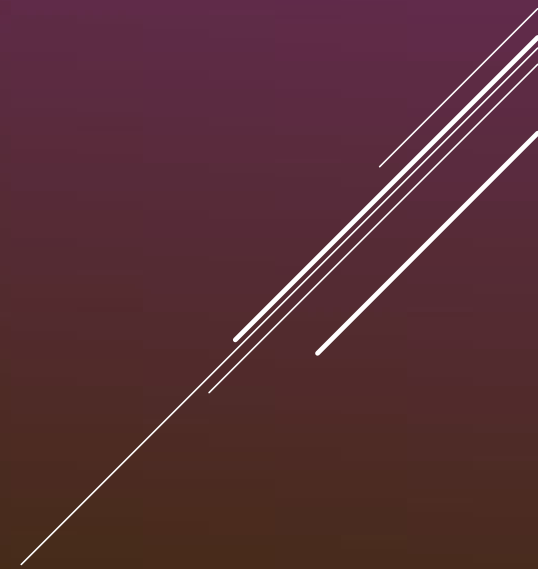


# OVERCOMING IN THE MIDST OF CONFLICT



## ▶ Spiritual Battle

- ▶ Ephesians 6:10-12
- ▶ Fight
  - ▶ 1 Corinthians 9:26
- ▶ Conflict
  - ▶ Philippians 1:30
- ▶ Race
  - ▶ Hebrews 12:1
- ▶ Affliction, tribulation
  - ▶ Acts 11:19; 14:22
- ▶ Persecution
  - ▶ 2 Timothy 3:11-12



# ▶ Three areas of conflict for Christians

## ▶ Temptation – lusts

▶ Genesis 3:6

▶ 1 John 2:15-17

▶ James 1:13-16

## ▶ False religion

▶ 1 Kings 12:26-33

▶ 2 Corinthians 11:13-15

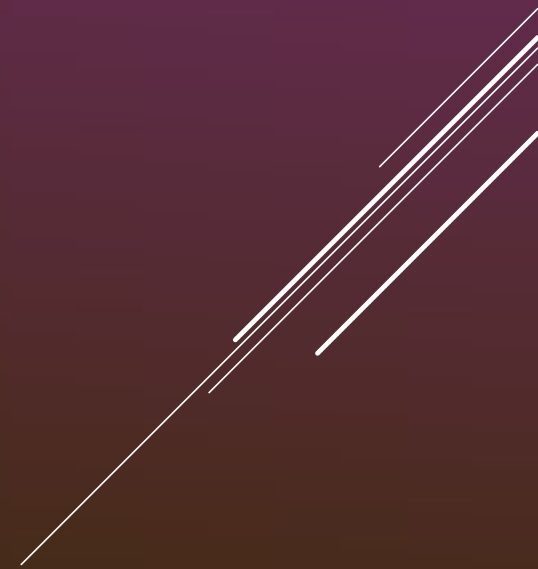
▶ Galatians 1:6-7


## ▶ Sufferings inflicted

▶ John 15:19

▶ Hebrews 12:3-4


▶ 1 Peter 5:8-9



- ▶ These three areas of conflict for Christians are evident in the letters of Jesus to the seven churches, in Revelation 2-3
  - ▶ In every letter, a promise is given to those who prevail, conquer, overcome in these conflicts
    - ▶ 2:7, 11, 17, 26; 3:5, 12, 21
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▶ Revelation 12:10-11

▶ Three factors necessary in overcoming

1. By the blood of the lamb
  2. By the word of their testimony
  3. They did not love their lives to the death
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## Revelation 12:11

### 1. By the blood of the lamb

- ▶ Sacrifice of Jesus Christ for our sins
  - ▶ Revelation 5:9-10
  - ▶ 1 Peter 1:18-19
- ▶ But must be applied to your sins
  - ▶ Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:13-14
  - ▶ Romans 6:3, 17-18
  - ▶ 1 Peter 1:22-23
- ▶ Only those in Christ can be victorious

## Revelation 12:11

### 2. By the word of their testimony

- ▶ Began with belief, repentance, confession, baptism
  - ▶ Romans 10:8-10; Acts 2:38
- ▶ Holding fast the Word and the confession
  - ▶ Revelation 6:9
  - ▶ Hebrews 4:14, 10:23
  - ▶ Before men
    - ▶ Matthew 10:32-33
  - ▶ Unashamed
    - ▶ Luke 9:26

Revelation 12:11


2. By the word of their testimony

- ▶ Holding fast the word in conflict of
  - ▶ Temptation
    - ▶ Matthew 4:4, 7, 10
  - ▶ False religion
    - ▶ 2 Thessalonians 2:15
  - ▶ Suffering
    - ▶ 1 Peter 2:19-20




## Revelation 12:11

### 3. They did not love their lives to the death

- ▶ Revelation 2:10
  - ▶ Reject fear and favor of man
    - ▶ Matthew 10:28
  - ▶ Must lose to gain
    - ▶ John 12:25
  - ▶ The value of the soul
    - ▶ Luke 9:25
  - ▶ What is your price?
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# ▶ Faithfulness is the key to victory

- ▶ Revelation 2:10
  - ▶ 1 John 5:4
  - ▶ Luke 21:19
  - ▶ 1 Corinthians 15:58
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