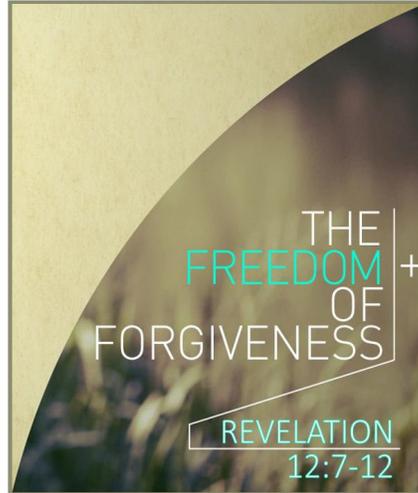


-- **Big Idea: The cross of Christ overcome the accusations of**



**is the only way to Satan.**

**1.) You are part of a massive 7-9).**

-- Verses 7-17 use symbolic describe the ongoing cosmic since Satan's initial rebellion until our Lord's return (Rev. 10:17-19).

**spiritual WAR (v.**

language to war that has raged and will continue 12:3-4, 20:10; Luke

-- The most significant thing taking place in all the universe is something that we can't see, but we experience it all the time, and the Bible assures us that it is real and of supreme importance.

**2.) The war is decided at the CROSS of Christ (v. 10-11).**

-- The outcome of the cosmic spiritual war was, is, and will be settled on one account: the substitutionary death of Jesus Christ.

-- One sure sign of saving faith in Christ is that we love Him more than life itself.

-- The only power against our guilt in the entire universe is the blood of the Lamb and the testimony that Christ alone is Savior and Lord.

## Application

**1.) Be on guard against the DECEIVER (v. 9).**

-- One of key weapon in Satan's arsenal of evil is deception.

**-- Satan wants to deceive you (John 8:44, 2 Cor. 11:14).**

**a.) He tells us that LITTLE things are big.**

i.) He tells us that our wants are the greatest good.

ii.) He tells us we should carry tomorrow today.

iii.) He tells we should carry the past forever.

iv.) He convinces us to live like this fleeting world is ultimate.

**b.) He tells us that BIG things are little.**

i.) He persuades us to place first things last (Mark 8:36-37).

ii.) He separates us from God's Word and prayer.

iii.) He compels us to exchange a vibrant relationship with Christ for empty religion.

**2.) Be on guard against the ACCUSER (v. 10).**

-- The fact that our enemy is identified as our "accuser" reminds us that a second major weapon in his arsenal is guilt.

-- The devil is absolutely fanatical that you and I should suffer forever because of our SINS

-- While Satan will continue to make accusations, his accusations don't stick to those who are covered in the blood of the Lamb (Rom. 8:1).

**-- Satan wants to ACUSE you.**

a.) He tells us that our sins are too bad to be forgiven (Acts 2:21).

b.) He tells we must punish ourselves for past sins.

c.) He tells us that, even if God has forgiven us, we shouldn't forgive ourselves.

d.) He tells us that we suffer because God has not forgiven us (1 Corinthians 1:7-8, John 8:36).

-- Godly guilt leads to REPENTENCE and meaningful change (2 Corinthians 7:10-11).

-- In Christ, God offers us a forgiveness that satisfies our deepest longing for newness, purpose, hope and love.

**3.) See the stakes (v. 12).**

-- There are only two types of people in this world: The FORGIVEN and the GUILTY

-- Rejoice in the forgiveness we have received, and plead with those who remain in the guilt of their sins.