

## HOW TO OVERCOME THE ACCUSER, Part 2 - Rv 12:11

### INTRODUCTION

1. Rv 12:10-11 Born enemies of God & now fight for King Jesus [Eph 6:12]
2. Enemy: *the accuser of brethren* - Isa 54:17

### 1st: Our Conscience Must Be Informed by the Proceedings of God's Court

1. Consc is a court [Rm 2:14-15]; lawyer; aware of God's *ordinance* Rm1:32
2. Satan tempts: 1C 7:5; Eph 4:26-27; 2C 2:10-11; 2C 11:3,12; 2Th 2:9]; Paul's thorn 2C 12:7; Eph 6:11; 1T 3:6; 1Th 2:18; entice to apostasy [1T 5:15]
3. Strategy: entice then keep from Mediator - 1Jn 1:9; *no condemnation* - Rm 8:1 Even when we sin, we must believe gospel - 1 Jn 3:18-23; 1Jn 2:1 - justified
4. Rm 8:33-34 - you are legally united to Jesus not sin. He legally loves you.

### 2nd: We Must Endeavor to Keep a Good Conscience

1. Love & life - regeneration: cleansed [Tit 3:5]; kept clean - worship: Hb 9:14.
2. Worship is essential to overcome - silence accuser.
3. Pursue *love from a pure heart & a good consc & a sincere faith* [1T 1:5].

### 3rd: We Are Liberated from Legalism to Obey God's Law

1. Conflict - clash of conscs. Opposing laws - God's Laws: Ps 119:41-48
  - i. When *reproached* [accused] v42, we yet have *liberty* of God's law.
  - ii. Liberated from men's legalisms. We will *not be ashamed* - v46
2. Need moral clarity: lawlessness & legalisms supplant righteousness of love. Cultural norms - obedient to Law 1C 9:20-21 [Gal 5:22-23; Rm 8:8-10]
2. Stan displaces God's law w/ legalisms [Mat 15:3] & accuses *brethren* of violating men's law in human courts. Discern God's law & your liberty.

### 4th: Live at Peace But Don't Be Perplexed by Persecution

1. In common grace, unbelievers & believers can enjoy mutual respect - 2C 2:2; Rm 12:17b-18; Tit 2:10.
2. People think they do "good" but confusion & deception - call evil "good" [Isa 5:20] misjudgments. *Do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal* [1Ptr 4:12]
3. 1Pt 3:13-16. Slandered: accused. Keep Christ as Lord of conscience.
4. Challenge - accused by people who think they are serving God: Jn 16:1-4a

### 5th: Live in View of the Coming Judgment of God

1. Rv 12:11 = discipleship - Mat 16:24-26: overcome by discipleship.
2. The certainty of Final Judgment.
3. A24:13-16 Paul in courtroom: keeps consc in light of Final Judgment & testifies to Jesus resurrection: A23:6; 25:19; 26:6-8,22-23 = Rv 12:11!
4. Col 3:1-4 mind set above living morality of love [v5f]: Jesus is coming!

### 6th: Learn to Live With Moral Courage

1. Rv12:11 *testimony* = words, 'martyrdom': testify by death - 2 Witnesses.
2. George McDearmon: 1C16:13-14 *act like men*: courage results from 4 things:
  - i. The assurance of the presence of God with the man.
  - ii. He is certain that his cause (role, duty, endeavor) is righteous.
  - iii. His confidence in the providence of God (as to the results)
  - iv. The fear of God versus the fear of man.
3. In face of accusations: 1] conscience confident in Christ's blood; 2] words wh/ testify of Jesus in every human court; 3] love Jesus more than life in this age.
4. Rv = manual for battle. Can a Christian be a conscientious objector? not put on full armor of God? not fight the good fight? Rv 21:7-8 *cowardly*.
5. Courage w/ a conscience convinced of the gospel & an overwhelming love for Jesus than will not be dissuaded by accusations, threats & difficulties.
6. I am not prophet - but I see all kinds of courts being erected wh/ misjudge reality, truth, morality wh/ are misjudgments of Biblical Christianity & Christians. May we overcome - Rv 12:11. Isa. 54:17; Rm 8:33-35