

Temptation

- What is it? peirasmos "a trial or proving" (Strong 3986)
- In what ways are we tempted? 1 John 2:14-16; James 1:14
 - Lust of the flesh
 - Lust of the eyes
 - Vainglory of life
- It's based on our desires

Temptation

- Who tempts us? James 1:13; John 8:44
- God does not tempt us
- Satan ultimately does. cf. Matthew 4:1
- Remember Job!

How Do We Overcome?

- By the blood of the Lamb Leviticus 17:10ff
- Blood had to be spilled Romans 6:23
- Animals couldn't do it Hebrews 10:4
- Only Christ could Hebrews 9:11-14
- His blood is precious 1 Peter 1:17-19
- Has cleansing power like no other 1 John 1:7-9

How Do We Overcome?

- The testimony of the Word of God
- Testimony marturia "what one testifies"
- The Word is a weapon Ephesians 6:13-17
- It pierces to a fundamental level Hebrews 4:12
- We can overcome 1 Corinthians 10:13; Acts 27:25

How Do We Overcome?

- A willingness to disregard our lives
- Many sacrificed their lives Hebrews 11:35-40
- Stephen Acts 7:56-60
- James Acts 12:1-2
- This is true faith
- Action item Revelation 2:10 "... faithful unto death"

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Conclusion

- These saints had all they needed to overcome
- We have the same
- Not a member of His church become one, escape the accuser of your soul
- Already a member You can overcome when sin and temptation rises

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