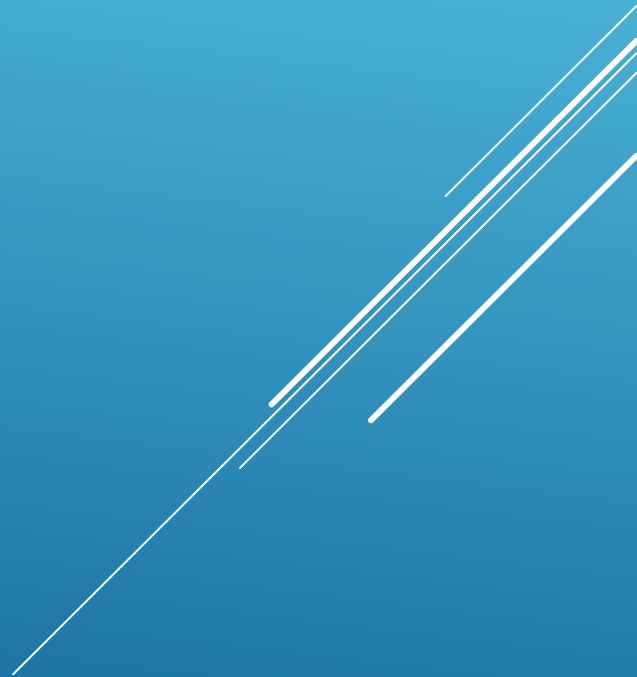


The Persecuted Church



How does a Christian face torture or even Martyrdom and not recant?

Revelation 12:7-12 (NKJV)

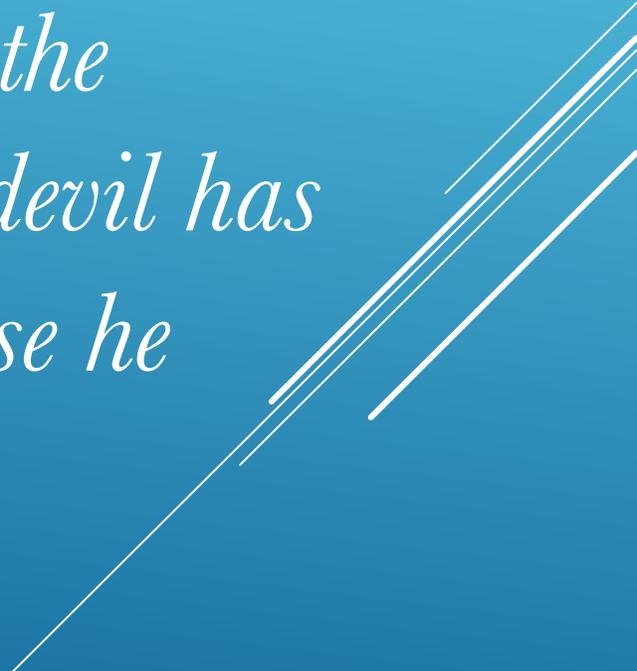
⁷ And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, ⁸ but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.

9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

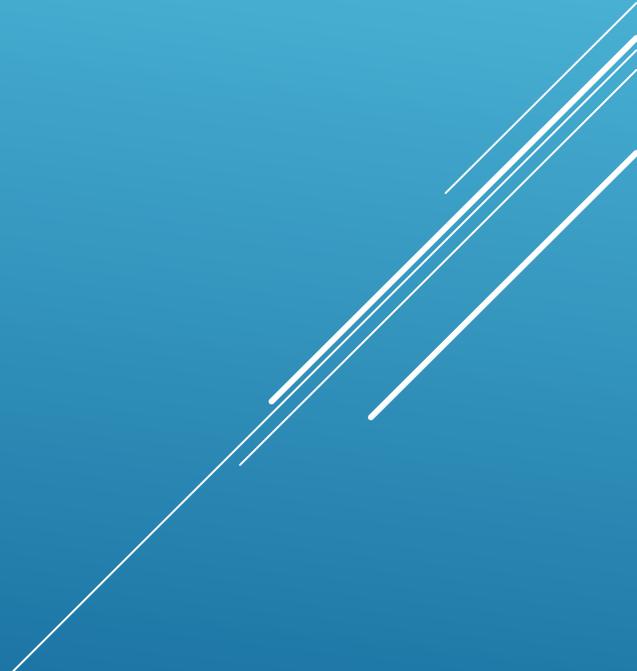


11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. 12 Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."



Isaiah 14:12 (NKJV)

12 "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations!

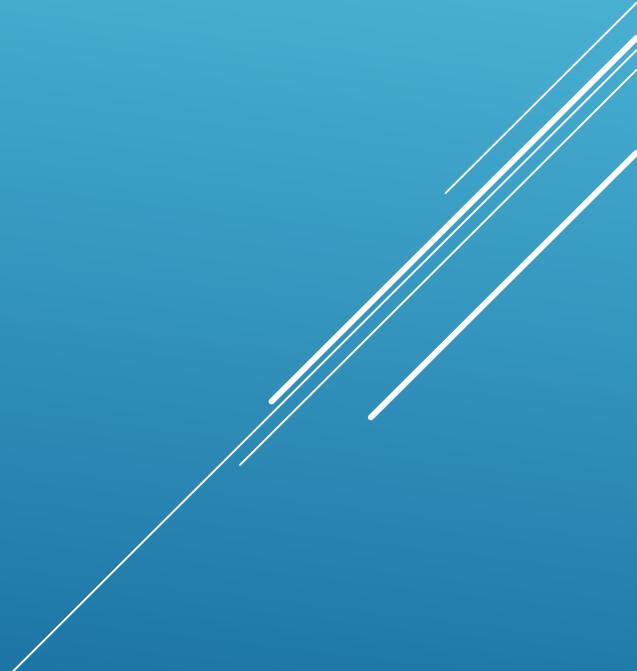


Revelation 12:11 (NKJV)

11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.



1. They overcame him. They were victorious over him. the dragon – Satan, by the blood of the Lamb.



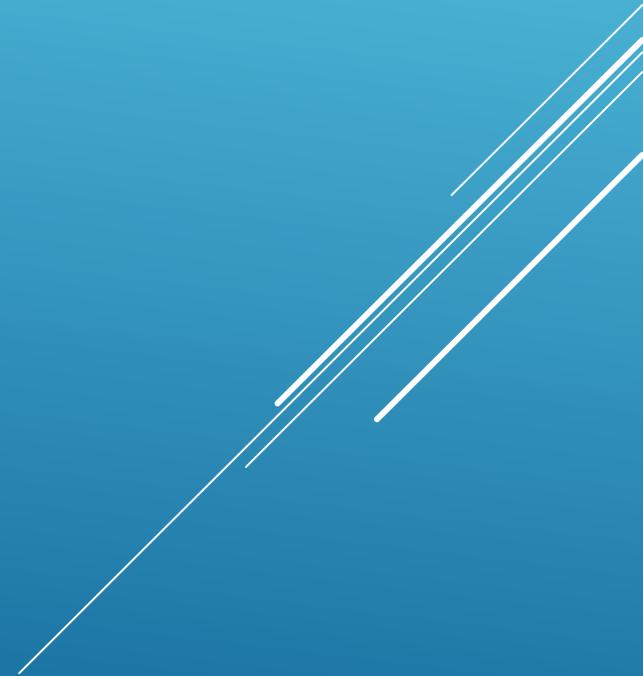
2. They overcame him by the word of their testimony.

A testimony is an eye witness account of what you have seen or heard.

A Christian testimony usually has four parts:

- 1.) What your life was like before Jesus?
- 2.) How did you discover you needed Jesus?
- 3.) When and where did you meet Him?
- 4.) What has your life been like since.

**3 - They overcame him because
they loved not their lives unto
death.**



1 John 4:18 (NKJV)

18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

