

## APPLY

- In verse 11, we see that the “Church” or “believers” have conquered Satan. However, many of the believers in the time of this writing and throughout history have been martyred/tortured/persecuted for their faith. How have they conquered Satan?
- How should 12:12 encourage Christians who are suffering the attacks of the Devil? Is the Dragon furious because he is winning or losing the battle? Because he is free to act as he wishes or is limited? How does 12:13-17 emphasize God’s protection and care for his people amidst this attack?
- Where or how do you see the capital “C” Church under attack around the world today?
  - Are there any new kinds of attacks?
  - Are you experiencing any attack personally?

## DISCUSSION CLOSE/HOMEWORK

Chapter 12 describes Satan as being “the accuser of the brothers/sisters,” and he is very good at this. He wants us to feel unworthy, shameful, and condemned. Have you been experiencing any of these kinds of feelings lately? If so, spend some time with God this week and meditate on some of these verses and allow the Lord to replace those feelings with his truth and heart.

- Hebrews 4:16
- Romans 8:1
- Romans 8:37-39
- Psalm 139
- Psalm 103

## GROUP PRAYER FOCUS

- Thank Jesus for His victory over your life and make a fresh surrender to Him so that you will experience it!



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# HOPE Unveiled 13

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Week 13: The Devil’s Defeat

Key Text: Revelation 12

## OPEN

G.K. Beale writes, “Revelation 12 has always been, consciously or not, considered as the center and the key to the entire book.” Revelation 12 explicitly casts the dragon as the great accuser of God’s people, that ancient Serpent, the Devil. The kingdom of God was inaugurated by Jesus’ ministry, bringing the body of Christ, the Church, into existence. The dragon’s role as the accuser is completely undermined because there is no condemnation for those in Christ (Rom 8:1). The dragon thus seeks vengeance against the Church. Revelation 12 is very detailed and graphic picture of the ever present reality that we have an enemy, BUT, this enemy has been defeated and we can live in the victory that Jesus purchased for us.

## REFLECT

- Think about the chapter as a whole. What images/characters here must be symbolic? Are there any that are possibly literal? If so, identify them.
- In chapter 12, we see that Satan is thrown down from heaven with other divine beings who wreak havoc on the world. Given the context of the passage, what event(s) is this describing? Are they literal or symbolic?
- What is Revelation 12:5 a summary of, or what is it a brief snapshot of?