

Theme: Jesus has won a monumental victory over Satan, sin, suffering and death, and followers of Christ can live boldly and rejoice in knowing that they have eternal life in the presence of God and freedom from the antagonists of God.

I. Intro – Duane Thomas and the ultimate game

- A. Before the Super Bowl, Duane Thomas was asked what it was going to be like to play in the ultimate game. He responded, “If it’s the ultimate game, how come they’re playing again next year?”
- B. This is the second of a two-part message: Jesus Christ Is the Victor
 - 1. The first dealt with Jesus in Mark 5 defeating demons, disease and death. These enemies hung around to fight (us) another day
 - 2. Jesus’ victory at Calvary was ultimate. Ultimate=1) being or happening at the end of a process; final 2) the best or most extreme of its kind; utmost.
 - 3. The antagonists: Satan, sin, suffering, the second death

II. Jesus Is the Victor over Satan-Ultimately!

- A. Antagonist I: Satan
 - 1. He has been a deceiver from the beginning (Genesis 3:1-5)
 - 2. He is the accuser of the believers (Revelation 12:10)
 - 3. He is the tempter (Genesis 3:1-5; Matthew 4:1-11)
 - 4. Jesus’ supernatural, eternal victory over Satan manifested
 - a) Satan thrown into the lake of burning sulfur (Revelation 20:10)
 - b) Satan will be tormented forever (Revelation 20:10)

III. Jesus Is the Victor over Sin-Ultimately!

- A. Antagonist II: Sin
 - 1. Adam and Eve chose to disobey God (Genesis 3:6)
 - 2. Every person since chooses to disobey God (Romans 3:10-11, 23)

- 3. Jesus’ supernatural, eternal victory over sin manifested
 - a) All believers will forever be in God’s presence (Revelation 21:3)
 - b) God will not tolerate sin in His presence (Habakkuk 1:13; Psalm 5:4-5)
 - c) Nothing impure will ever be in the city of God (Revelation 21:27)

IV. Jesus Is the Victor over Suffering and the Second Death-Ultimately!

- A. Antagonist III: Suffering and Death
 - 1. Consequence of sin: suffering (Genesis 3:7-10, 16-19)
 - a) Human relationships damaged (Genesis 3:7)
 - b) Fellowship with God broken (Genesis 3:8-10)
 - c) Physical pains (Genesis 3:16)
 - d) Roles and desires (Genesis 3:16)
 - e) Nature is fractured (Genesis 3:17-18)
 - f) Health is compromised (Genesis 3:19)
 - 2. Consequence of sin: death (Genesis 3:19)
 - 3. Jesus’ supernatural, eternal victory over suffering manifested
 - a) No more need for crying (Revelation 21:4)
 - b) No more pain (Revelation 21:4)
 - c) No more curse (Revelation 22:3)
 - 4. Jesus’ supernatural, eternal victory over death manifested
 - a) The second death
 - (1) The second death is the lake of fire (Revelation 20:14)
 - (2) Death and Hades will experience the second death (Revelation 20:14)
 - (3) Believers’ will NOT experience the second death (Revelation 20:15, 21:27)
 - b) Death is defeated (Revelation 21:4; 1 Corinthians 15:54)

V. Applying the Word

- A. Have I responded to Christ in repentance and faith?
- B. Do I recognize that I can live out my faith boldly?
- C. Do I realize that I have no reason to fear, because the end is already predetermined?
- D. Is my life a reflection of the reality of Jesus' ultimate victory?