

SERMON NOTES

September 29, 2019 – Pastor Kischnick

THEME: “The Accuser Thwarted” TEXT: Revelation 12:7-12

INTRO. I’m vexed! My missing candy bar. I accuse: YOU! Ha!

ACCUSATIONS: What’s worse?

(1) Falsely Accused: [Defend yourself, truth on your side.]

(2) Rightfully Accused: [No defense possible, truth condemns.]

I. THE OLD ACCUSER

ILLUST. Throwing walnuts at Grandpa Mossner’s. (Hide!) That’s him!

A. “Satan” = The Accuser: himself guilty & judged, he accuses us.

B. He accuses us because: he knows!

1. He has the goods on us.

2. He knows our weaknesses, faults, sins, transgressions.

C. He accuses us because: he hates us!

1. He hates us because we belong to God.

2. He hates us because he already stands condemned.

3. He hates us because he knows his time is short.

D. He accuses us because: we are guilty!

1. He wants us condemned and destroyed.

2. We deserve God’s just punishment – guilty as charged.

3. We cannot defend ourselves. We are not holy; our works of righteousness are filthy rags; we are helpless.

ILLUST. At the F.B.I. and the Old Fashioned made with Southern Comfort

II. WE OVERCOME HIM – HOW?

A. “By (because of) the Blood of the Lamb”

1. Vicarious Substitution: Jesus in our place.

2. “It is finished!” – Redemption!

3. “For God so loved the world...whoever believes in Him...”

B. “By the Word of their Testimony”

1. Confess our faith in Christ publicly.

2. Lift high the Cross in word and deed.

3. Trust Him even in the midst of affliction. [THIS WEEK]

C. Rejoice in the Good News: “Father, this one is Mine!”

1. Romans 8:33-34 – “Who will bring any charge...?”

2. I Peter: “an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade...”

3. Romans 8 again: “For I am convinced that neither...”

CLOSER: O.J. Simpson trial - “Not Guilty” vs. Acquitted – God and Us!