



**Scriptures and Doctrine :: \* OVERCOMERS. HOW ?**

**\* OVERCOMERS. HOW ? - posted by Elibeth, on: 2011/12/1 10:26**

\* OVERCOMERS, HOW ?

\* Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.( Eph. 5:16 )

Rev. 12: 11 And they OVERCAME \* By the Blood of the Lamb,

and \* by the words of their testimony,and \*they loved not their lives unto the death.

(3) things

\*The Blood of the Lamb

\*The words of their testimony

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The Blood of the Lamb--

Rev.1 :5` Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own Blood.' An intrance has been made for us by the Precious Blood of Jesus.

The words of our testimony--

I would say...,what the Lord has done ,in His Word( the Bible ) and what He has done in our lives.

David had a testimony,before he killed the giant.

I believe the three men that was thrown into the firey furnace had working of

God in their lives a,A testimony of Gods' workings,before hand.

Don't we really need to write in a book, the workings of God in our lives,

( don't we tend to forget ? ) So when we are in a dark time ,and we all do have them.

,we can look back ,and we can be encouraged and it will build our faith...give us strength when we are weak, and in that time, hard see light, because of the dark hour we are in .

Love our lives unto>>> the death---

Mt.8:5, `Whosoever will come after Me ( follow Me ) let him deny himself, and take up his cross( a place of death to self ) ..dieing daily to our will,to do His will ,as He draws us by His Spirit .( His Grace )

Not cleaving to this life until we draw our last breath.

No, I do not claim to have made the mark yet, But ,shouldn,t we ,as like Paul, be reaching for the mark of the high-calli ng of God ?

Thank you,

and

God Bless,

Elizabeth

**Re: - posted by Elibeth, on: 2011/12/1 10:34**

I am sorry about that ,

I do not know what happened.

I clicked the blank in the forum and it pulled my subject up.

Elizabeth

**Re: \* OVERCOMERS. HOW ? - posted by dietolive, on: 2011/12/1 10:41**

Amen! Encouraging word, dear Sister.

Thank you for taking the time to post this.

Be well in Him Who Loves you So!

Doug

**Re: \* OVERCOMERS. HOW ? - posted by Sree (), on: 2011/12/1 11:01**

This is my favorite scripture, I have used it once in my message to a prayer group to show them how to overcome the accuser of fellow brethren (Satan), who accuses us before God day after day.

I also wanted to share this scripture as a proof that we are not perfected by the blood of the lamb alone but also by the word of our testimony. Those who claim that we are made righteous eternally by the blood of the lamb should understand the spirit of this word, which tells us that we can overcome the ruler of this world by a combination of :-

1. Blood of the lamb, to cleanse our past sins and to justify us so that Satan has nothing to complain against us using our past sins.
2. Word of our testimony, this means our testimony should speak the words about life of Jesus. Which is simply Christ-likeness, that is achieved by undergoing daily sanctification with the power of Holy Spirit. This is a daily process because testimony denotes everyday life not just one day life.
3. No love for our life, which means putting the deeds of Flesh to death by the power of Holy Spirit.

So all these things are important to be an overcomer. But most of the Christians stop with the first thing, Blood of the lamb. All they want is to escape hell for their sins. That is why they believe in such false doctrine that we are perfected by blood of Jesus. Such people have no interest for Christ likeness because they are not interested to pay the price for carrying the cross.

**Re: - posted by sonsigns (), on: 2011/12/1 11:59**

Sree, I disagree with " So all these things are important to be an overcomer. But most of the Christians stop with the first thing, Blood of the lamb. All they want is to escape hell for their sins. That is why they believe in such false doctrine that we are perfected by blood of Jesus. Such people have no interest for Christ likeness because they are not interested to pay the price for carrying the cross".

Without the shedding of the blood of Christ there is no remission of sin. All will be lost and destroyed if it wasn't for the blood.

@Elibeth, "Don't we really need to write in a book, the workings of God in our lives, ( don't we tend to forget ? ) So when we are in a dark time ,and we all do have them. ,we can look back ,and we can be encouraged and it will build our faith...give us strength when we are weak, and in that time, hard see light, because of the dark hour we are in".

What we need is to study THE Book Of God, your bible. Study to shew thyself approved unto God... We don't need to write down all the things that God has done in our lives because he(the Holy Spirit) will bring it to our remembrance, just like he does with the word of God. But if it helps you to write it down then do it.

Another thing, " we can look back ,and we can be encouraged and it will build our faith".

You probably already know this, however to keep this in line with Gods word our faith doesn't grow by works or by our past blessings. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. So faith grows by reading and listening to the bible and good anointed preaching.

I have had much success in overcoming Life's scud bombs, by Praying and being in a state of prayer through out the day.

And reading several chapters of my bible a day.

I hope this helps.

**Re: sonssign - posted by Sree (), on: 2011/12/1 12:33**

Quote:

Without the shedding of the blood of Christ there is no remission of sin. All will be lost and destroyed if it wasn't for the blood

I agree with you, I have never reduced the value of Blood of Christ. It is precious and all our hope lies on it. But it is not the only thing that God has to offer us. Through the blood of Christ we get Justification, which means God looks at us like a person who has committed no sins, though we have committed so many in the past. But we should not be satisfied with Justification, we need to proceed to Sanctification, which is possible only by the Holy Spirit. We will be called an overcomer (or glorified) only when we are justified and Sanctified.

A person who stops with Justification, is like a building that has only foundation. How can you call it a building if all it has is only foundation?

Even in your own life,

Quote:

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this overcoming came as a everyday process not something that is done in one day. I am not advocating works here, either you believe in works or no works you need to believe that a good testimony is important to be an overcomer. The importance of Good Testimony will be forgotten if someone believes that he is already perfected by blood of Jesus. It is like a student who scored 100% in 1st grade thinking that he is already educated. I agree he scored 100% but it is only 1st grade, there are so many other grades for you to learn. This is a greatest deception in Christianity today, Satan has blinded the eyes of many believers and made them think that they are perfected already like this 1st grade kid.

**Re: - posted by Elibeth, on: 2011/12/1 13:56**

Dietolive/Doug,

Your kindness did not go unnoticed.

Thank you,  
Blessings,  
Elizabeth

**Re: Regarding Rev.12:11, on: 2011/12/1 15:26**

I always thought the context of Rev.12/11 dealt with those who would rather accept martyrdom than deny Christ.

Blaine Scogin

**Re: Sree, Elibeth - posted by sonsigns (), on: 2011/12/1 22:46**

(1st quote) I have to agree with you on your points of justification and sanctification. Here is where I may have not read what you have said properly:

{So all these things are important to be an overcomer. But most of the Christians stop with the first thing, Blood of the Lamb. All they want is to escape hell for their sins. That is why they believe in such false doctrine that we are perfected by blood of Jesus. Such people have no interest for Christ likeness because they are not interested to pay the price for carrying the cross}.

This is why most fall away from the faith, because it is too hard and too many, impossible.

Now about overcoming, The scripture says in Revelations 12:11 But they have gained the victory over him (the Devil) because of the blood of the Lamb and of the testimony which they have borne, and because they held their lives cheap and did not shrink even from death.

The word of our testimony is very important in our Christian walk.  
So, let me ask you what is the word of our testimony?

What is our testimony?

How does our testimony overcome the devil and obstacles in our lives?

.....  
"John wrote to his "little children" of the assurance of the forgiveness of sins. In one sense we are always, in John's term, little children. For in this life we never advance to a point where we have left behind our need for the precious Blood. It is indeed the very weapon for the overcomer.

Writing in Revelation 12 of the Accuser of the brethren "which accuses them before our God day and night," John tells us that "they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb, and because of the word of their testimony, and they loved not their life even unto the death". (Revelation 12:10,11).

The basis of overcoming in the spiritual warfare is always the precious Blood. No one can ever get to the place where the Blood is not necessary.

Satan is a murderer and a deceiver, he entices and he attacks, but today he specializes in accusing. In a very real sense he is the Accuser of the brethren, and it is here that our Lord meets him as Priest and Mediator.

Heaven recognizes Satan's work and so must every Christian. Night and day he accuses us, and his accusation is directed at our conscience, which is the point where we most feel we lack the strength to fight him. His object is to drive us to think in despair.

"Of what possible use am I to God?" Why are some Christians found from morning to night reproaching themselves and crying, "I am a hopeless failure! God can do nothing with me!"?

It is because they have allowed themselves to accept the charges of the enemy as unanswerable. And if he can get us to this state, he is indeed the victor, for we have given the battle away.

If, instead of looking at the glory of God, we only accept his accusations, and stop there, we are certainly left with no power to fight him.

Conscience is a very precious thing, but to repeat endlessly, "I am no good! I am no good!" - that is not Christian humility.

It is healthy to confess our sins, but let us never carry confession to the point where, for us, our sinfulness looms larger than the work of Christ. The Devil knows there is no weapon more effective against the Christian than the creation of this illusion.

What is the remedy?

It is to say to the Lord, "Lord, I am no good!" but then to look away to his precious Blood, and to add: But Lord, I am abiding in thee!"

Satan does not accuse without reason. There are, no doubt, plenty of sins to which he can point us; but the Blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin.

Do we believe that?  
That is the answer to his charge.

Sin calls for the Blood, but the Bible does not tell us that sin calls for accusation - not that is to say, if we plead guilty. Of course, if we say that we have no sin, John warns us that the door is wide open to the Accuser. But if, standing in the light of God, we confess to him our guilt, then the Blood is powerful to cleanse, and all Satan's charges are rendered ineffective. Praise God for such an advocate! Praise Him for such a Priest! Let us never, never, answer Satan either by boasting our good conduct or by bemoaning our sins, but always and only by the Blood. It is our wholly sufficient defense.

The precious Blood of Christ is our defense; the word of our testimony is our weapon of attack. By this is meant our testimony to man, but not to man alone.

The victory of Christ, the fact that He reigns, that His Kingdom is near, that we have been translated from Satan's kingdom into his; all these are facts to be declared, not to men only, but to the powers of darkness.

Affirm that God is King, that his Son is Victor, that Satan is defeated, that the kingdoms of this world are shortly to become the kingdom of our God, and of His Christ.

These are positive divine facts, and they are shafts of offense. Satan fears such declarations of spiritual fact. For the word of our testimony can move back the gates of hell. Declare that Jesus is Lord; that his name is above every name. Declare it! Say it to the enemy. Many a time such testimony brings more results than does prayer.

Prayer has two sides: to God, and to the mountain. "Thou shall say unto the mountain, be thou removed." We can say to Satan, "Leave this place!" Peter and John said to the paralytic man, "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." They dealt directly with the case, where today we would probably have called a prayer meeting.

Don't neglect prayer, but counting on the efficacy of the precious Blood, speak also a word of testimony. Often times when we come to God, the atmosphere is oppressive and we cannot pray. What should we do? Don't give in, but taking God's word, turn and speak to Satan. Declare the victory of the Lord. Declare that he has given us authority to tread on serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and then pray!!

Alas, we pay far too much attention today to the doctrine of the gospel, and far too little to the fact. And without the fact, we have no testimony. But Calvary is history. The gospel - the good news of the fact - is with us. For nearly two thousand years the fact of the gospel has been in the earth. The Lord has given us the precious Blood, and a sure word of testimony. Let us face the enemy with these.

And finally these overcomers are men and women who know what it means to be nailed to the Cross - that is to say, to be "ruled out" altogether as men, so that whatever they accomplish, the glory is only his.

We need not enlarge on this again here; but remember, it was Satan who challenged God concerning Job: "Skin for skin, yea, all that a man has will he give for his life" (Job 2:4). But now, as if in answer to this, a great voice in heaven affirms concerning these who overcame:

"They loved not their life even unto the death" (Rev. 12:11). Well could that same voice proclaim: "Now is come the salvation, and the power, and the Kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ!"

Taken from: "What Shall This Man Do?"

**Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2011/12/1 23:32**

i think it is worth noting that the word of our testimony is a testimony of the power of the blood of the lamb,,,a preaching as Paul said of the cross, which is foolish to those perishing but to those who are being saved it is THE POWER OF GOD,,,,,the power is in this testimony,,no other testimony or preaching holds the power to overcome and set free,,,Paul said when I was among you, I preached Christ crucified,,,there is power in the blood,,,,,with out the crucifixion of the lamb, there is no resurrection and no power

**Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2011/12/2 10:10**

Thanks a lot for taking the pain to write your response.

Quote:

What is our testimony?

How does our testimony overcome the devil and obstacles in our lives?

To understand this let me explain you what all the accuser can accuse us of.

1. He may try to accuse me of my past sins that I have committed either before I know Christ or after knowing him. But I have repented of them. Then there is no right Satan has to accuse me, because there is power in the Blood Of Jesus to cleanse me completely. Because he has paid the price already for my past sins (Romans 3:25).

2. Now that I am justified and cleansed and I believe that Satan has nothing to accuse me of my past life. But Satan will always pull my confidence down and start accusing me of my current life and showing my day today sin (as shown in your article). I can overcome this accusation only by living a life like Christ, in which there is nothing for Satan to accuse me. This life is possible, no matter how many times I fail to hold this life, I will still believe that this life is possible. I will keep pressing on to perfection, because I am not perfected already but I have hope of being perfected. This hope is possible through Holy Spirit and his powers only.

This is exactly what Paul writes in Philippians 3:12-

Not that I have already obtained all this (Perfection), or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind (my past failures) and straining toward what is ahead (perfection), I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

The problem with trusting on the power of Blood of Jesus to face daily accusation of our present sinful life is, our Christian life will get stagnated, we will not move forward like how Paul is talking here. We will always receive forgiveness for our sins from the blood of Jesus but forgiveness cannot perfect us it will only make us less sensitive to our sins and this is what has happened to many Christians today, they have lost sensitivity for their own sinful life as they believe that no matter what they do they will be forgiven. This is lie of the devil. This life of moving ahead towards perfect is possible only when we start living by the power of Holy Spirit, you still need forgiveness of your sins, no doubt about that but you also need power of Holy Spirit to overcome those sins.

Once we start moving towards perfection our testimony will become like the testimony of Jesus where there is nothing for Satan to accuse. This is the word of our testimony.

I know it sounds like a hard complex teaching but it is very simple and all you need is faith in the power of Holy Spirit and to keep seeking it. No matter how many times a day we fail, we need to believe that perfection is possible with the power of Holy Spirit.

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2011/12/3 3:26**

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He paid the price for sin of the whole world, to those that believe it.

Revelation 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

My repentance does not cast satan down, "the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night."

My repentance is for me, by faith to know that I am forgiven and cleansed from all unrighteousness. Why is God faithful and just to forgive and cleanse?

Romans 3:25-26 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him (me) which believeth in Jesus.

It is by Christ's righteousness our sins are forgiven, being the justifier through we that do the works of the law? No, No, but the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. Only Jesus is the propitiation and justifier who forgives sin to those that believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

In Christ: Phillip, propitiated

In Christ: Phillip, justified

In Christ: Phillip, cleansed from all unrighteousness.

In Christ: Phillip, presented to the Father perfect

**Re: A Victorious People, on: 2011/12/3 11:24**

Might I suggest that Rev.12:11 speaks of a victorious people who have overcome Satan by persevering with their eyes on Jesus. The scriptures tell us that Satan is continually making war against the saints by persecuting the offspring of the woman (Rev.12:17). This is manifested in persecution, imprisonment, and even martyrdom (Rev.13:10). The war against the saints culminate in the worship of man and his economic system, anti-christ if you will. The believer who does not participate in this system will be hunted down and tortured and killed.

But the scriptures tell us that in the midst of the end times there will be an overcoming victorious people (Rev.15:2). These are the ones I believe Rev.12:11 describe and Rev. 7:9-17 envision in that great multitude no one could count.

This is already being played out in the restricted nations of the world today. We call this the persecuted church. There is a faithful remnant who are standing against the evil one and standing firm in Jesus. But they do pay a heavy price. But the persecuted church is victorious against the evil one.

As I write this I think of Eritrea. There are over 3000 believers who are locked up in shipping containers and something akin to dungeons. There are those who die in the hands of the Eritrean government. But this is after months of torture.

The question occurs to me why not just shoot and execute the Christians. Spare them the torture. But Satan knows if this is done they will go to heaven. It is far more important to the evil one to get the saint to deny Christ. The Eritrean believers are taunted daily with the prospect of freedom and medical treatment if they will but recant their faith in Christ. It is far more important to the evil Eritrean government and Satan to have these precious ones deny Jesus and give their souls to the devil than usher these faithful ones into heaven with a bullet. That would be far more merciful.

We must pray that these in Eritrea and other nations remain strong and faithful. For that matter may he keep us strong

g and faithful to the end.

Blaine Scogin

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2011/12/5 17:03**

Quote: ""We must pray that these in Eritrea and other nations remain strong.g and faithful. For that matter may he keep us strong and faithful to the end.""

We can rejoice in their suffering and know they are striving according to His working in them and according to His working in us mightily.

I am the epitomy of weakness when it comes to pain and suffering and cry all the time for those who are going through it , but I also know Jesus Christ is the epitomy and tower of strength when He was on the Cross, In Him we can do all things.

Col 1: 24-29