

OVERCOMING BY THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB AND THE WORD OF OUR TESTIMONY

Rev. 12:11

1. THE WORD OF OUR TESTIMONY PUTS INTO MOTION WHAT THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB HAS ALREADY DONE.
 1. Jesus has destroyed the works of the devil by the shedding of His blood.
 2. If that were all that was needed, everyone would automatically receive the benefits of the atonement without any action on their part.
 3. There is an action that produces every reaction; or there is a cause for every effect.
 4. Everyone who comes to God must believe--
 1. That He is...
 1. His existence.
 2. That He is what we need Him to be.
 2. And that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.
 5. Before we benefit from the blood, we should know what the blood represents--the power that's in the blood.
2. WHAT THE BLOOD MEANS.
 1. Why did God require blood? Is He a bloody God? Why was Abel's blood sacrifice more acceptable than Cain's sacrifice?
 2. Why did God require bloody circumcision? (Moses' wife accuses him of being a bloody husband when he circumcised their sons).
 3. Two purposes of blood:
 1. The blood covenant (exchange of blood).
 2. To satisfy the demands of justice.
 1. Fallen man to be restored back to fellowship with God.
 2. To claim back what Satan had taken.

3. THE BLOOD COVENANT.

1. Covenant translated from Hebrew word *berith*, which means "to cut."
2. "To cut" means to "let the blood," which is an important element of the blood covenant.
3. It means to exchange blood.
 1. Circumcision represented man's blood.
 2. The blood of animals was the substitute for God's blood.
Man, as God's representative, took the blood of the animals until the "real blood" was shed--the blood of the Son of God.

4. TO SATISFY THE DEMANDS OF JUSTICE.

1. Fallen man restored back to God.
 1. Had to be man; had to be perfect man. Jesus was the only one who could "fit the bill."
 2. He became sin that we might become the righteousness of God.
 3. We are justified through the blood of Jesus.
 4. When Jesus was declared righteous, or justified, we also became righteous and justified because of our identification with Him.
2. To take back what Satan had taken.
 1. A man had to had to meet Satan on his own grounds and defeat him. There was only one such man who could do so; that man had to be free from the power of Satan through being free from the curse of sin. This required a person who was not of the first Adam. Jesus, the only begotten Son of the Most High God, was never under the bondage of sin. He had to become man; therefore, He was born of a virgin. Had he not been born of a virgin, he would have been born of

Adam and could not have been that "man" to defeat Satan.

2. That's the reason Satan has motivated liberal theologians to deny the virgin birth of Jesus; thinking that it would disannul the process which brought redemption. But what man says, thinks, or does, can not disannul what has already been accomplished.
3. That "man" had to overcome every power and effect of the fall, including death.
4. The shedding of blood comes from the death of the sacrifice.
5. The blood of Jesus is representative of His death, and what His death represented. It represented Jesus' defeat of Satan-- including the power of death.

5. HOW DO WE OVERCOME THE ENEMY BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS?

1. It is because the blood of Jesus has already overcome him.
2. Satan knows this, and he does not like to be reminded of it.
3. That's what takes place when we plead the blood.

6. HOW DO WE OVERCOME THE ENEMY BY THE WORD OF OUR TESTIMONY?

1. The word of our testimony is the confession of our mouth; that is what activates the power of the blood.
2. It is the word of our testimony that activates faith.
3. The word of our testimony also can be a declaration what God has already done for us; believing that He will do it again.

Future lessons:

1. More concerning the blood of Jesus.
2. The Blood Covenant.
3. The power of our testimony or confession.