

### **The Wednesday Word, October 26, 2016: Victory in the Blood**

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony, and they loved not their lives unto the death. (Rev 12:11)

When sins devastate our communion with God, there is only one thing powerful enough to overcome all the accusations from Hell, ...the Blood of Christ. This is how we overcome. As John Newton wrote,

“Be Thou my shield and hiding place,  
That, sheltered near Thy side,  
I may my fierce accuser face,  
And tell him Thou hast died!”

As we grow in grace, we learn that, in failure, we have new opportunities to become conscious of the blood. When we look to the past, we see the blood. When we think of the present, we see the blood. When we think of the future, we see the blood. When Satan tells us of our defeat, we tell him of his. When he tells us our past, we tell him his. We boldly announce to him that Christ shredded and scattered his demonic troops at the cross, 2000 year ago. We remind him that he was defeated by the blood of the Lamb. We overcome by the blood when we declare what the blood has done. Our Victory is in the BLOOD.

Every spiritual blessing is in Christ! Try this one for size! Though sinners, we are entitled to plead "not guilty" to every charge. Why? Because of the blood. To do anything else would be to deny the reality of the Blood. Though we are guilty, our conscience is as completely at peace. We have learned to apply the Blood. No wonder we can now walk in victory! No longer are we pinned down by the accusing memories that fill us with remorse.

Do you remember the blood offering of Leviticus 4? It was to take care of any sins that were committed through ignorance (Leviticus 4:2). Many believers go about worrying about whether or not they are doing okay. They say to themselves, “Maybe I have not done enough good things?” or ask themselves, “Have I witnessed enough?” or “Have I prayed and given enough?” They are always worried about these things.

But, when Jesus Christ died on the Cross, His blood took care of all the sins that we know about and all those that we don't know about. He has taken care of all the sins that we have ever and will ever commit. Knowing and applying this brings victory.

When Jesus Christ died and shed His blood, He took care of our sin and our sins. Notice, I said sin (singular) and sins (plural). His Blood legally blotted out our sin nature and covered our sins by casting them into the sea of God's forgetfulness (Micah 7:19).

“Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin” (Romans 4:7-8). In the Gospel, both sin and sins are dealt with.

Jesus Christ has forever taken care of the sin nature of man by being reckoned as sin and paying the penalty of sin with His blood on the Cross. Jesus, the man, was considered as sin so that we will never have our sins charged to us again. That is victory!

And that's the Gospel Truth!