

REVIVE CHURCH-REVELATION

APPROPRIATION OF THE BLOOD

Every overcomer has this in common

Revelation 12:11 (NKJV) "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death."

We want to not just know the positional truth about the power of Jesus blood that was poured out for us, we need to know the practical application in our lives today and as we prepare for His return. **There is one way to overcome, and it is in the blood of Jesus.**

I want to teach today on how to appropriate the blood of Jesus.

Revelation 12:11 is speaking about the great end-time conflict that lies ahead at the close of the present age; a conflict in which heaven and earth are involved. The angels of God are involved. Satan and his angels are involved. And God's believing people on earth are involved. Thank God that the victory goes to God and to His people. This passage describes how God's believing people on this earth play their part in obtaining the victory. It's a statement made by the angels but it's made about the believers on earth.

- **And it says Revelation 12:11: "They overcame him..."**
- **They are people like you and me, believers in Jesus Christ.**
- Who is him? Satan, That's very important. You see, that shows very clearly that there can be direct conflict between us and Satan. **They overcame him. "...by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony..."**

And it also adds what kind of people they were. **"...they loved not their lives unto the death."**

- **To say it in one word, they were committed, totally committed. That is the only kind of Christian that frightens Satan. Totally committed Christians** who's number one Priority is to do the will of God, whether they stay alive or not. The people that Satan fears are those who are not afraid to lay down their life.

1 John 2:17 (NKJV) And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

When you unite your will with the will of God in total commitment, you become undefeatable, unshakable. **Whether you live or whether you die is of secondary importance but you cannot be defeated.**

What does it mean to overcome Satan by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of our testimony. This is one of the precious treasures of truth.

Derek Prince **"We overcome Satan when we testify personally to what the word of God says the blood of Jesus does for us."** I'm going to say that again. **"We overcome Satan when we testify personally to what the word of God says the blood of Jesus does for us."**

Lets look at how to do that by taking an example from Exodus 12. The way that Israel was instructed to apply the blood of the lamb is a wonderful pattern for us.

Exodus 12:21-23 (NKJV) 21 Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Pick out and take lambs for yourselves according to your families, and kill the Passover [lamb.] 22 "And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, dip [it] in the blood that [is] in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that [is] in the basin. And none of you shall go out of the door of his house until morning. 23 "For the LORD

will pass through to strike the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike [you.]

That's why it's called the Passover, because the Lord said He would pass over the door that was protected by the blood of the lamb.

- Each father had to choose a lamb of appropriate size for his family. And then they had to sacrifice the lamb and catch its blood in a basin. It's blood was very precious. None of it was to be spilled on the ground.
- The lamb was slain, the blood was in the basin, it was the means of protection but in the basin it didn't protect a single person.
- They were required to transfer the blood from the basin to the doors of their homes and to smear it or sprinkle it on the lintel and on the two sideposts, but never on the threshold. No one was ever to walk over the blood.
- The whole destiny of Israel depended on getting the blood from the basin to the door. God said you'll take a little bunch of hyssop. Hyssop is almost a kind of a weed that grows everywhere in the Middle East. Dip the hyssop in the blood in the basin and sprinkle the blood over the door with the hyssop. So hyssop, which was a very humble and, in a sense, unimportant thing, nevertheless became essential to the salvation of Israel.
- And then God required one more thing. He said when the blood has been sprinkled on the door you've got to stay inside your house. Don't you go outside, because once you go outside the blood you're not protected.

Paul says Christ is our Passover who was sacrificed for us (1Cor.5:7). In other words, Christ was slain two thousand years ago. To use the terms of the analogy, the blood is in the basin. But the blood in the basin doesn't protect anybody. We have the same situation as Israel. We've got to get the blood from the basin to the place where we live. Then we're protected—provided we're obedient. So, the question is how do we get the blood from the basin to the place where we live?

Now we go back to Revelation 12:11: "They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony..."

Remember, We overcome Satan when we testify personally to what the word of God says the blood of Jesus does for us. What is it that gets the blood from the basin to where we live? Our testimony. Testimony is a very simple thing; it's just saying a few words according to the Scripture. *It's like the hyssop that applies the blood. but it saves us.* It's our protection. I cannot overemphasize the importance of your testimony.

Hebrews 3:1. "Therefore holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the apostle and high priest of our confession, Christ Jesus."

- The writer of Hebrews calls Jesus the high priest of our confession. *Confession means literally saying the same as.* So for us as believers in the Bible and in Jesus Christ, confession means we say the same with our mouth as God says in His word. We make the words of our mouth agree with the word of God.
- Jesus is the high priest of our confession. No confession, no high priest. He can only advocate on your behalf when you make the right confession. So whether you call it testimony or whether you call it

confession, it is absolutely essential for you and I to testify in agreement with Him in order to receive the salvation of God. **Jesus said** by your words you will be justified and by your words you will be condemned (Matt. 12:36-37). You settle your destiny by the words you speak.

Let's look at some practical ways to apply Jesus blood from the basin to our lives. We must know what the Word of God says in order to do this.

There are **seven major ways** in which the New Testament reveals the blood of Jesus works for us.

- I. The first is redemption. **Ephesians 1:7**: "In Him [that's Jesus] we have redemption through His blood."

Redemption means being bought back. We were in the hands of the devil, Jesus bought us back with His blood.

1 Peter 1:18–19: "Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible [or perishable] things like silver or gold from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."

Notice the word lamb again takes us back to the Passover. The Passover lamb. Jesus was without blemish, He was without original sin; He was without spot, He was without personal sin. And we have been redeemed by His blood.

Confession -*"Through the blood of Jesus I have been redeemed out of the hand of the devil."*

- I. **The second provision of the blood of Jesus is cleansing. 1John 1:7**.-*"But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, [He is Jesus] we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin."*

In the original language all the verbs in this verse are in the continuing present tense. If we continue walking in the light we continue to have fellowship one with another. And please note that the evidence that you're walking in the light is that you have fellowship. And if you get out of fellowship you get out of the light. And if you get out of the light the blood doesn't cleanse in the dark. That's a tremendously important fact.

If we continue walking in the light, we continue having fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus His son continually cleanses us from all sin. It's a continuing provision.

Confession *"As I walk in the light, the blood of Jesus cleanses me now and continually from all sin."*

- I. **The next great provision is justification.** The Greek word in its basic form means "to make righteous". But it has a lot of different shades of meaning. **Romans 5:9**:*"Much more then, having now been justified by His blood [the blood of Jesus], we shall be saved from wrath through Him."*

Imagine You're on trial in a court of law for a capital offense. Your life is at stake. And then the verdict comes out not guilty. That's justification. You've been acquitted. You've been reckoned righteous with the righteousness of Jesus Christ, not with your own but with the righteousness of Jesus Christ.

I'm justified means I'm just-as-if-I'd never sinned. Why? Because I've been made righteous with the righteousness of Jesus Christ. And He never sinned.

Confession “Through the blood of Jesus I am justified, acquitted, not guilty, reckoned righteous, just as if I’d never sinned.”

- I. **The next is sanctification. Hebrews 13:12:** “Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.”

To sanctify is to make saintly or to make holy. We’re set apart from sin and from everything that defiles. And then we’re made holy with God’s own holiness.

Not our holiness anymore than our righteousness, but His holiness. We partake of His holiness? Through the blood of Jesus

Confession “Through the blood of Jesus I am sanctified, separated from sin, set apart to God, made holy with God’s holiness

- I. **There is life in His blood Leviticus 17:11:**For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls.”

It is Jesus blood that makes atonement for the soul. So the life of God is in the blood of Jesus. Our human minds have no way to calculate the potential of that fully. If we could fully grasp what’s in the blood of Jesus. The eternal, uncreated, measureless life of God Himself, a life that existed before anything was ever created is in the blood of Jesus.

John 6:53-57“Verily, verily, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink His blood you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on me will live because of me.”

We have been taught, some of us, that we do it just as a memorial. That’s not what Jesus said. He said, “You’re eating my flesh and you’re drinking my blood.” We do it in memorial too, sure we do but that’s not all. We are actually partaking of the body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. There’s no reason to change it. When I receive it in faith believing what Jesus said in His word, it becomes to me precisely what He said it would be.

Confession-Jesus, I believe your flesh is my food and your blood is my life.

- I. **The sixth provision of the blood is intercession. Hebrews 12:22-24 (NKJV)** 22 *But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, 23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn [who are] registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, 24 to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than [that of] Abel.*

It begins with the words you have come. **In the Spirit and by His blood we have and we must come.**

Eight things are listed to which we have come.

1. We have come to the spiritual Mount Zion,
2. The heavenly Jerusalem.
3. Innumerable company of angels

4. The church of the firstborn
5. God, the Judge of all.
6. The Old Testament saints
7. to Jesus the mediator of the New Covenant.
8. the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.

It's good to know that the blood of Jesus sprinkled in the immediate presence of God is always speaking on our behalf calling out for mercy. We can enter into this eternal place in the Spirit. We can come!

I. Last we **have access through the blood of Jesus to enter into the Holiest place.**

Hebrews 10:19-23 (NKJV) 19 Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, 21 and [having] a High Priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the confession of [our] hope without wavering, for He who promised [is] faithful.

Hebrews 3:1 says Jesus is the high priest of our confession. Hebrews 4:14 says hold fast your confession, but Hebrews 10:23 says hold it fast without wavering.

When the word of God says make the confession, hold fast the confession and hold it fast without wavering, that's like God saying buckle your seatbelts because there will be turbulence. But don't let the turbulence cause you to unbuckle your seatbelt. Keep on making the right confession. Even when it seems totally contrary to everything around you, God's word is true.

Home group questions

- Discuss the revelation you received from this teaching.
- Discuss this quote from Derek Prince **“We overcome Satan when we testify personally to what the word of God says the blood of Jesus does for us.”**
- How is our testimony or confession essential to overcoming?
- Discuss the principal of taking the blood from the basin and actually applying it to our lives.
- Discuss the seven ways the blood of Jesus works for us.

Spend some time challenging everyone to confess the word of God this week and every week. You could also take communion together.