

THE TAKE AWAY

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Sunday, April 25, 2021

Message Summary

Continuing his message from last week, Pastor John Carter talked about how the old covenant was only ever meant to be a temporary solution. It was a system built on laws the people couldn't really keep, not while they were still struggling with sin. That is why God had to fix the problem Himself, and He does this through His own Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus died on the cross to be the final blood sacrifice needed to cover our sins – not temporarily like in the Old Testament, but once and for all. When Jesus died for us, he gave us access to salvation, strength, the Kingdom of God and the power of His blood. Through his sacrifice, Jesus dealt a blow to Satan that completely undermined his ability to attack us. And our enemy has been cast down. But even though Jesus overcame the enemy on the cross, we still have to overcome him in our every day lives. How? By the blood of the Lamb (Jesus) and the word of our testimony (our verbal confession of the written Word of God). This is how we achieve victory over our enemy. We must start standing on the power, authority and qualification of the blood of Jesus in our life. When we pray, we pray with power. When we stand in faith, we stand in His authority. And when our enemy tries to condemn us, we need to remind him that we are qualified by the blood of our Savior. There is nothing he can do to remove the forgiveness Jesus' blood has given us. Because of His precious blood, we are qualified for every blessing God has waiting for us, we have forgiveness for our sins, and we are delivered from the power of the enemy.

Pastor John Carter: *"It's not just the power of the blood of Jesus, but what we **say** about the blood, as it written in the Word of God. This is the key to our victory over our enemy."*

Key Scriptures

- **[Revelation 12:10-11 NKJV]** 10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. 11 "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.
- **[Colossians 1:12-14 NKJV]** 12 giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed [us] into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

Discussion Questions

1. How do you feel knowing that Christ's sacrifice covers all of your sins, and that because you are saved, the enemy can never guilt you with any of your past mistakes?
2. What does the blood of Jesus do for you in your battle against the enemy?
3. How do you fight your enemy with the "word of your testimony"?
4. What scriptures do you need to be standing on right now, proclaiming your victory even today?

Life Application

This week as we study the key scriptures, remember that Pastor John said that we must speak the word of God over our life. We must activate the power of Jesus' sacrifice with our words. That means when you feel attacked, you must use the word of God, and speak out your victory, a victory won by the blood of Jesus!