THE POWER SHIFT – SEMON 2

REDEMPTION • RIGHTEOUSNESS • RESISTANCE

Mark 13:34 – The kingdom… "It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and GAVE AUTHORITY TO HIS SERVANTS, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch."

INTRODUCTION: YOU ARE NOT WHO THE BATTLE SAYS YOU ARE

There is a tragedy greater than facing an enemy. It is belonging to a victorious Savior while living as though the outcome of the battle is still undecided.

Jesus has been raised from the dead and seated far above every principality and power. Yet many believers still measure their future by the strength of their opposition rather than the authority of their Redeemer.

- **YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES MAY BE REAL, BUT THEY ARE NOT YOUR IDENTITY.**

- **YOUR OPPOSITION MAY BE INTENSE, BUT IT DOES NOT DETERMINE YOUR POSITION.**
- **YOU CAN BE STANDING IN A STORM AND STILL BE SEATED WITH CHRIST.**
- **YOU CAN WALK THROUGH A VALLEY WITHOUT SURRENDERING THE INHERITANCE OF A SON.**
- **YOUR LOCATION IN LIFE DOES NOT CANCEL YOUR POSITION IN CHRIST.**

Paul could be confined in a prison without losing his citizenship in heaven. A prison could restrict his movement, but it could not revoke the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

THE PRESENCE OF WARFARE IS NOT THE ABSENCE OF VICTORY. BUT REMEMBER, WE HAVE A BIG GOD, HE IS A SMALL ENEMY, YOU ARE AN HEIR AND NOT A SLAVE, AND YOU HAVE BEEN SEATED IN HEAVENLY PLACES IN CHRIST JESUS, SO NOW YOU CAN MAKE A STAND IN FAITH!

YOU DO NOT FIGHT TO BECOME SEATED. YOU STAND BECAUSE YOU HAVE BEEN SEATED IN CHRIST.

Today we are going to discover three more keys to living from that position: redemption, righteousness, and resistance. THESE ARE NOT THREE SLOGANS. THEY ARE THE FOUNDATION OF A LIFE THAT REFUSES TO BE RULED BY FEAR.

1. REDEMPTION: THE BLOOD THAT BROKE THE BONDAGE

Ephesians 1:7 (NKJV) - "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace"

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- ***The Greek word apolytrōsis speaks of release through ransom.***

REDEMPTION IS A PRESENT POSSESSION IN CHRIST, NOT A REWARD FOR FUTURE RELIGIOUS PERFORMANCE.

REDEMPTION DID NOT MERELY CHANGE YOUR DESTINATION. IT CHANGED YOUR DOMINION!

YOU WERE NOT ONLY RESCUED FROM JUDGMENT. YOU WERE DELIVERED FROM THE AUTHORITY OF

DARKNESS AND BROUGHT UNDER THE REIGN OF GOD'S BELOVED SON.

- **THE BLOOD OF JESUS DID NOT MAKE YOU A BETTER PRISONER. IT SECURED YOUR LIBERATION!** The gospel is not a renovation project for the old captivity. It is the announcement that a Redeemer has acted and a new creation is possible.
- **YOU CANNOT BELONG TO THE REDEEMER AND RIGHTFULLY BELONG TO THE OPPRESSOR AT THE SAME TIME!** Satan may accuse and tempt, but he cannot cancel the ownership established by Christ's redeeming work.
- **YOUR PAST MAY EXPLAIN WHERE YOU HAVE BEEN, BUT IT NO LONGER HAS AUTHORITY TO DEFINE WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST!** The enemy wants you to introduce yourself by the chains from which Jesus has already delivered you.

Redemption is not independence from God. It is freedom from bondage for covenant belonging. The blood does not make us our own masters: **THERE IS POWER IN THE BLOOD**

THE BLOOD OF JESUS HAS ENTERED THE HEAVENLY SANCTUARY AND SECURED OUR ETERNAL REDEMPTION!

Hebrews 9:11–12 - “But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.”

Hebrews 9:23–24 - “Therefore it was necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us;”

- **Under the Old Covenant, the high priest entered the earthly Most Holy Place with sacrificial blood.**
- **Jesus entered the heavenly sanctuary through His own blood, obtaining eternal redemption.**

THE BLOOD OF JESUS SPEAKS BETTER THINGS THAN THE BLOOD OF ABEL! –

Genesis 4:10 - “And He said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood cries out to Me from the ground.”

Hebrew s 12:24 - “to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.”

Abel's blood cried out from the ground after his murder. The blood of Jesus speaks a better word through the New Covenant.

- **Abel's blood cried out concerning injustice committed. Jesus' blood announces the redemption accomplished!**
- **The blood of Abel testified that a man had been murdered. THE BLOOD OF JESUS TESTIFIES THAT THE SON OF GOD HAS BECOME OUR MEDIATOR!**

THE BLOOD OF JESUS HAS OPENED A NEW AND LIVING WAY INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD!

Hebrews 10:19–22 - “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.”

Hebrews 4:16 - “Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

Through the blood of Jesus, believers have boldness to enter the Holiest by a new and living way.

What the high priest could approach only under the restrictions of the Old Covenant, the redeemed believer is now invited to approach with confidence through Jesus Christ!

THE BLOOD OF JESUS HAS REDEEMED US FROM THE DOMINION OF DARKNESS!

Ephesians 1:7 - "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace"

Colossians 1:13–14 - "He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins."

Through His blood, we have redemption and forgiveness.

- **God has delivered us from the authority of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of His Son.**

- **THE BLOOD DID NOT SIMPLY CHANGE OUR ETERNAL DESTINATION. IT CHANGED OUR KINGDOM CITIZENSHIP!**

THE BLOOD OF JESUS IS THE FOUNDATION OF OUR VICTORY OVER THE ACCUSER! - Revelation 12:10–11

- **John describes the accuser of the brethren being overcome through the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony.**
- **The enemy builds his accusations upon our failures, but our confidence rests upon the finished work of Jesus Christ!**
- **THE ACCUSER CAN REMIND YOU OF YOUR PAST, BUT HE CANNOT REVERSE WHAT THE BLOOD HAS ACCOMPLISHED!**

REDEMPTION ANSWERS THE QUESTION: WHOSE AM I? I BELONG TO JESUS CHRIST!

2. RIGHTEOUSNESS: THE ROBE THAT RESTORED OUR STANDING

2 Corinthians 5:21 - "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

Ephesians 4:22-24 - “that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.”

The One who knew no sin was made sin for us so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. This is the great exchange: our standing before God rests on Christ’s saving obedience, not our ability to manufacture perfection.

JESUS DID NOT BEAR YOUR SIN SO YOU COULD SPEND YOUR LIFE TRYING TO EARN THE ACCEPTANCE HIS SACRIFICE SECURED!

- You do not approach the Father presenting a flawless record of your own. **You approach Him through the righteousness of His Son.**

RIGHTEOUSNESS IS NOT A TROPHY FOR PERFECT PERFORMANCE. IT IS A GIFT THAT CREATES A NEW WAY OF LIVING!

- The new man is created in true righteousness and holiness; identity becomes the foundation of obedience, not its wages.

THE ACCUSER WANTS TO PUT YOUR FAILURES ON TRIAL; THE GOSPEL POINTS TO YOUR ADVOCATE!

- Your answer to condemnation is not that you have never failed. Your answer is that Jesus has fully accomplished your redemption.

YOUR CONFIDENCE BEFORE GOD IS NOT AS FRAGILE AS YOUR FEELINGS, BECAUSE ITS FOUNDATION IS NOT YOUR FEELINGS. ITS FOUNDATION IS THE FINISHED WORK OF CHRIST!

- The believer comes boldly to the throne of grace, not arrogantly, but through the Son.
- Adam stood in innocence before the fall. The redeemed believer stands justified through the tested obedience of Christ.
- **Innocence means guilt has not yet been incurred; justification means the guilty are declared righteous through faith in Jesus.**

THE FIRST ADAM STOOD IN UNTESTED INNOCENCE. WE STAND THROUGH THE TESTED AND TRIUMPHANT OBEDIENCE OF THE LAST ADAM!

RIGHTEOUSNESS ANSWERS THE QUESTION: HOW CAN I STAND BEFORE GOD? THROUGH JESUS CHRIST!

3. RESISTANCE: THE STAND THAT REFUSES TO SURRENDER

James 4:7 - “Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”

Ephesians 6:10–18 - “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.”

James gives the order: submit to God, resist the devil, and he will flee.

- **The Greek anthistēmi means to oppose or stand against. Resistance is not spiritual independence; it is active opposition grounded in surrender to God.**

YOU WERE NEVER COMMANDED TO WIN A VICTORY JESUS FAILED TO WIN. YOU WERE COMMANDED TO STAND IN THE VICTORY HE HAS ALREADY ACCOMPLISHED!

- Calvary is not an unfinished battle waiting for your assistance.

THE ENEMY CANNOT DETHRONE CHRIST, SO HE TRIES TO DECEIVE THOSE WHO BELONG TO CHRIST!

- His schemes aim to make believers abandon their confidence in a position he cannot remove from the risen Lord.

SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY IS NOT MEASURED BY THE VOLUME OF YOUR VOICE BUT BY THE FIRMNESS OF YOUR FAITH IN GOD'S WORD!

- The armor is truth, righteousness, faith, salvation, the gospel, the Word, and prayer, not religious theatrics.

THE STORM MAY CHALLENGE YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES, BUT IT CANNOT REWRITE YOUR COVENANT!

- Victory does not always mean immediate relief. Sometimes victory is steadfast obedience while the wind is still blowing.

The order matters: position before resistance; union with Christ before warfare.

THE CHURCH DOES NOT STAND TO EARN A SEAT. THE CHURCH STANDS BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN SEATED IN CHRIST!

- **Faith does not deny the existence of the storm.**
- **Faith refuses to grant the storm final authority over what God has spoken.**

RESISTANCE ANSWERS THE QUESTION: WHAT DO I DO WHEN THE ENEMY COMES? I SUBMIT TO GOD, RESIST THE DEVIL, AND STAND IN FAITH!

CONCLUSION:

- REDEMPTION SETTLES MY BELONGING. I AM PURCHASED BY THE BLOOD.

- RIGHTEOUSNESS SETTLES MY STANDING. I AM ACCEPTED THROUGH CHRIST.
- RESISTANCE SETTLES MY RESPONSE. I WILL NOT SURRENDER THE TRUTH.

THE DEVIL CANNOT UNDO WHAT THE BLOOD HAS ACCOMPLISHED. HE CANNOT OVERTURN WHAT CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS HAS ESTABLISHED. AND HE CANNOT DEFEAT THE CHRIST IN WHOM WE STAND!