

The Glorious Church

And She Brought Forth... A Man-Child

The Blood of the Lamb

- **Rev. 12:11** – And they overcame him because of the **blood of the Lamb** and because of the word of their testimony, and they loved not their soul-life even unto death.
 - **Victory** in spiritual warfare is based upon the blood of the Lamb.
 - The **blood** is not only for forgiveness and salvation, it is also the **basis** by which we **overcome Satan**.
- Satan's chief work is to **accuse**.
 - We must have a keen sense toward sin, but **we should not accept** the accusations of Satan.
 - If we accept the accusations of Satan, we can **never** be an overcomer.
 - We must learn to not **look upon ourselves**, but only **gaze upon the Lord Jesus**.
- In the **daily** life and work of a Christian, the **conscience** is of great importance.
 - Whether or not a Christian can **stand** before God depends upon whether he has any offense in his conscience.
 - Once he accepts the **accusations** of Satan, his conscience is **offended** and he **cannot proceed** in his service **nor fight** for God anymore.
- We overcome the accusations of Satan by the **blood of the Lamb**.
- We must also **reject** all the accusation of Satan which have cause.
 - The only problem is whether or not we have **confessed** our sin.
 - If we have sinned and have confessed, we should not be accused.
 - Before God we are **clean** because we have the precious blood.
- Once we **accept** the blood, Satan's power will be **nullified**.

The Word of Their Testimony

- When our conscience is without offense, then our mouth can give **testimony**.
 - When you have the blood before God, you will have **boldness** before God, and you will have a testimony before man.
 - “Testimony” means to **tell others what there is in Christ**, and the word of testimony is something which must be spoken forth.
- It is the word of testimony that gives Satan the greatest fear.

- Christians must rely upon prayer in everything, but sometimes the word of our testimony is **more effective** than prayer.
 - Many times we must use the word of testimony to **deal with Satan**.
- We must **know the facts** in the Scriptures and **believe them**. We must be **covered by the blood** so that God may **protect us** from all the attacks of the enemy. Then we may **speak to Satan**.
 - We must **proclaim** to Satan and his demons that the **Lord Jesus is victorious** and that **Jesus is Lord**. Such a proclamation is the testimony, and the testimony is the proclamation.
- The word of testimony causes Satan to **lose his ground**.

Not Loving Our Own Soul-life

- The overcomers **face trials** and **encounter many difficulties**, yet “they **loved not their soul-life** even unto death”.
 - This is the **attitude** of the overcomers in the warfare.
- The best way for Satan to deal with us is to cause us to act in our **own strength**.
 - Man cannot serve God with the natural ability that has never been dealt with by the cross.
 - The **failure** of the church is due to man bringing in his natural ability.
- The day must come when our **strength** to do good and our **ability** to serve God are **broken**.
 - We all must be brought by God to the place where we see that we can do nothing in the church with our natural strength.
- We must **learn to experience the cross**.
 - The purpose of the cross is to deal with us, so that we will not dare to move by ourselves.
- The **subjective** work of the cross in us is to take away the things which do not originate with God.

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