

Memory Verse

Revelation 12:11a "And they have overcome (conquered) him by means of the blood of the Lamb and by the utterance of their testimony..." (Amplified)

How can you have an overcoming year in 2018? You can conquer this year by the blood of the Lamb and by speaking, out loud, **your** testimony!

Testimony from a Believer

God brought me **into** a situation and put a laborer in front of my path.

- Understanding the Blood of Jesus as a Christian
 - ◇ Receiving its Cleansing
 - ◇ Receiving its Life

Testifying Witness of God's Spirit that I am a Child of God

God brought me out of life situations that tried to take me off His path.

- Standing on the Blood of Jesus as a Christian
 - ◇ Receiving its OVERCOMING POWER!

What Jesus accomplished by shedding His blood.

Hebrews 1:3b "When He [Himself and no other] had [by offering Himself on the cross as a sacrifice for sin] accomplished purification from sins and established our freedom from guilt, He sat down [revealing His completed work] at the right hand of the Majesty on high [revealing His Divine authority]."

- Purification from sins
- Freedom from guilt
- Overcoming by authority

What Jesus gave as a Living Inheritance.

Hebrews 1:14 "Are not all the angels ministering spirits sent out [by God] to serve (accompany, protect) those who will inherit salvation? [Of course they are!]"

- Serving spirits (Angels)
- Sent by God
 - ◇ Heavenly Escorts
 - ◇ Spiritual Shields

What Jesus' death completed.

Hebrews 2:14b "He Himself in a similar manner also shared in the same [physical nature, but without sin], so that through [experiencing] death He might make powerless (ineffective, impotent) him who had the power of death—that is, the devil—"

- Rescued us from spiritual death by dying a physical death
- Rendered powerless the stronghold sin had on mankind

What Jesus did by being raised from the dead.

Hebrews 2:17 "Therefore, it was essential that He had to be made like His brothers (mankind) in every respect, so that He might [by experience] become a merciful and faithful High Priest in things related to God, to make atonement (propitiation) for the people's sins [thereby wiping away the sin, satisfying divine justice, and providing a way of reconciliation between God and mankind]."

- Compensated for our sin through a sinless sacrifice
- Compromised God's judgement for relationship with Him

How Jesus was the Word made flesh so His name reveals our hearts.

Hebrews 4:12 "For the word of God is living and active and full of power [making it operative, energizing, and effective]. It is sharper than any two-edged [a]sword, penetrating as far as the division of the [b]soul and spirit [the completeness of a person], and of both joints and marrow [the deepest parts of our nature], exposing and judging the very thoughts and intentions of the heart."

Our soul is now...

- Unmasked by His Word
- Umpired by His Spirit

How we can now relate to God!

Hebrews 4:16 "Therefore let us [with privilege] approach the throne of grace [that is, the throne of God's gracious favor] with confidence and without fear, so that we may receive mercy [for our failures] and find [His amazing] grace to help in time of need [an appropriate blessing, coming just at the right moment]."

Life Group Questions:

1. What is one area in your life where you can apply the life blood of Jesus more?
2. What was your experience when you first realized Jesus died so you can live spiritually?
3. How can you share your testimony to make it overcoming instead of overwhelming?
4. Tell a moment where you felt the riddance of guilt and shame you carried for too long.