

The Weapons of Our Warfare (Continued - 3)

For the past few weeks, we have been discussing how to have victory over our enemy, Satan, through “spiritual warfare”. “...the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds”.. **II Cor.10: 3-4**

Eph.6: 12 “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”

We have talked about the “Word of God” and the “Name of Jesus” as “spiritual weapons”. (This is not an in-depth study but , hopefully, as we look at these subjects, you will be encouraged to study them further).

This week we want to look at a third “spiritual weapon”; the “Blood of Jesus”. We are made righteous by the Blood of Jesus. Not just forgiven of our sin, but enabled to live a “holy” life. When Jesus gave His life for us, He took our sin upon Himself and became our perfect sacrifice; our Atonement, to reconcile us back to the Father. He shed His Holy blood to cleanse us from all sin. Fallen man could never redeem himself. It took God’s unique Son, Holy and blameless to pay the cost. **I Peter 2:24** -“Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.” Please read Rom. 5, especially vss. 8-19.

II Cor. 5:21 - “For He (God) hath made Him (Jesus) to be sin for us, who (Jesus) knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.” By repenting of our sin (turning from sin and to God), asking and receiving Jesus into our heart and then following Him, by walking in/after the Holy Spirit, we are cleansed from all sin.

I John 1:7 - “If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.”

Rom. 10:10 - “For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

Heb. 9:22b - “ ...and without the shedding of blood there is no remission.”

Rev. 12:11 - “And they overcame him (Satan) by the Blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.”

We must testify (witness) as to what the blood of Jesus has done for us.

First we must realize that Jesus was without sin. Jesus was sinless. He was not conceived by man, but Mary, His mother, was overshadowed by the Holy Spirit and Jesus was conceived in her womb. **Matt. 1:20; Lk. 1:34-35**. Jesus was “Son of God” and “Son of Man”. **Jn. 1:1-14**.

Heb. 9:12 - “Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood He entered in once into the Holy Place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.” Please read Heb. Chapters 8-10.

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Spiritual Warfare .."The Blood" (Cont.)

When we observe Holy Communion together we are remembering Jesus' sacrifice of the breaking of His body (the bread) and the shedding of His blood (the cup), as He said we should do. **I Cor. 11:24-26**

In **John 6:54-56**, Jesus said if we eat of His flesh and drink of His blood, (symbolically, as in Communion), we will have life in us; eternal life, and He will raise us up at the last day. He also said we dwell in Him and He in us, and we will live by, or through, Him. What a wonderful promise!

We cannot be defeated with the life of God inside us; we must be MORE than conquerors! Rom. 8:37. Rom. 8:31b - if God be for us, who can be against us? Please read **Romans 8:35-39**.

As we give testimony as to what the shed blood of Jesus has done for us, it not only reminds us and encourages us and strengthens our faith, it will also help to build faith in the one who is hearing, Secondly, it reminds Satan of how he is defeated by the blood of Jesus; he can't stand before the Blood, the Word, or the Name of Jesus. Praise God! Thirdly, when we share about the blood of Jesus, it brings glory to God. (And isn't that our purpose, to bring glory to God?)

Heb. 10:19 says, we have "boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus."

Heb. 4:16 tells us to "come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need". Please read Heb. 10:12-25.

Next time we will discuss some of the "launching rockets" for our "Spiritual Weapons".

Today I would like to leave you with the words to an old song that we love to sing in our church.

"The blood that Jesus shed for me way back on Calvary; the blood that gives me strength from day to day, it will never lose its power.

It reaches to the highest mountain; it flows through the lowest valley; the blood that gives me strength from day to day, it will never lose its power"!!!

The blood of Jesus is able to cleanse YOU from All sin.

God Bless You!