

POWER TO OVERCOME

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Text: Revelation 12:10-12 (NIV)

Introduction: *For the Child of God, there is no greater power to be found than the power of the blood of Christ and the Word of God.*

And they overcame Him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. (Rev. 12:11)

- This is the last reference in the Bible to the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ; here it is the overcoming blood, enabling believers to withstand the deceptions and accusations of Satan.
- There are at least 43 references to the blood of Christ in the New Testament, all testifying to its great importance in the salvation and daily life of the believer.
- Judas the betrayer spoke of it as "innocent blood (Matthew 27:4) and Peter called it "the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (I Peter 1:9).
- It is the cleansing blood in I John 1:7 and the washing blood in Rev. 1:5, stressing that it removes the guilt of our sins. -Source Unknown.

In regard to the Word of God:

- The Apostle Paul calls it the sword of the Spirit—Eph 6:17
- The writer of Hebrews says it "is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." – Hebrews 4:12
- In 2 Timothy 3:16 tells us the Word of God is "God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness."

Combined, the blood of Christ and the Word of God give us power to overcome all the enemy's attacks.

I. OUR ENEMY IS DEFEATED (v. 10).

10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: “Now have come the salvation and the power the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.

A. He is an accuser. One who cast blames or points a finger.

B. He IS hurled down.

II. OUR VICTORY IS SECURED (v.11).

11 They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.

A. The people of God triumphed—past tense.

B. Not even the fear of death could stop them.

III. OUR FIGHT IS NOT OVER (v. 12).

12 Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short.”

A. For those in heaven their victory is to be enjoyed.

B. For those remaining on earth we must continue to be vigilant.

CONCLUSION

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" Chris Tomlin

Amazing grace
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed
My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love, Amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love, Amazing grace

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God, Who called me here below
Will be forever mine...