

THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB

Recently, the Lord said to me, "Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins." Heb. 9:22. Apart from the blood of Yeshua, we are powerless to forgive anyone of any sins—ourselves included!

I then heard this passage: Rev. 12:11 "And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death."

According to Rev. 12:11, the way we overcome the enemy is 3-fold:

- 1) BLOOD: By applying the blood of the Lamb to sin and to our enemies
- 2) TESTIMONY: By testifying about the power of that blood

- i) Forgives—Eph. 1:7, Heb. 9:7
- ii) Cleanses—Heb. 9:14, I John 1:7, Rev 7:14
- iii) Justifies—Rom 5:9
- iv) Sanctifies—I Peter 1:2
- v) Redeems—I Peter 1:17-19
- vi) Restores our relationship with God and others—Eph. 2:13
- vii) Reconciles—Col. 1:20
- viii) Frees us—Rev. 1:5

- 3) LOVE NOT YOUR LIFE: By not loving our lives when faced with death (death to self and physical death/martyrdom)

- i) I heard God say, "My definition of sin is not your definition of sin. My definition of sin is when you choose to love yourself more than you love Me, more than you love righteousness, more than you love your neighbor."
- ii) We must recognize that sin is more than just what we do or don't do—it's also our motives and heart attitudes. Yeshua told us that in the gospels: (Sermon on the Mount Matt. 5, 6 & 7)

Rev. 1:5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood.

Rev. 7:14 I said to him, "My lord, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

WE ARE ROYAL PRIESTS

Two of the many duties of a priest:

- 1) We are to come into God's presence and minister by the blood of Yeshua: Heb. 10:19
- 2) We are to forgive the sins of others: John 20:21-23

1Pe. 2:5-9, Rom. 15:16, Rev. 5:9-10 A royal priest is a human who is filled with the Holy Spirit and commissioned by the King.

Yeshua was slain and *redeemed us (regained possession by paying our debt with His blood)* to God and gave us authority to rule in His kingdom and to be priests that reign on the earth. As priests, we are to help prepare this world for His coming, we apply the blood of the Lamb to cover sin, we abide in His presence and we minister to Him through His life being lived in us, which brings about death to self. We have been commissioned by Yeshua to go and do what He did—heal the sick, raise the dead, perform miracles, forgive sin by the power of His blood, supernatural signs and wonders, reveal truth and love even our enemies!

THERE IS POWER IN THE BLOOD

When we pray and apply the blood of Yeshua over any person, place or thing transformation happens!