

FAITH IN THE BLOOD

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1 JOHN 5:4

If anyone knows what it takes to overcome this fallen world we live in, it would be John. He's the only apostle who died of old age. Even when facing martyrdom, God delivered him from a large basin of boiling oil. He was then sentenced to slave labor on Patmos, where he wrote the book of Revelation. According to John, it takes faith to overcome this world.

REV. 12:11

Two things are stated. The blood of the lamb, and the word of the believer's testimony. The first statement is built on the work of Christ, and the second is built upon our faith in the blood of Jesus.

- The blood of the lamb. Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil and deliver us from the law of sin and death. His blood speaks of our victory over the world, in Him.
- The word of our testimony. The blood had to be applied to protect the Israelites from the death angel. They used a hyssop branch, but we use words, declarations, and decrees! We are willing to hold fast to our faith even in the face of death.

EPH. 2:8-9

Our works don't impress God, our faith does. He doesn't owe us something just because we do good deeds. Remember the Pharisee and the publican? One had faith in his works, the other had faith in the work of God's mercy. Faith is what impresses God.

- **MARK 7:25-29 (MT. 15:28)** "For this saying".
- **LUKE 5:20** He saw their faith!
- **MT. 8:10** His faith impressed Jesus!
- **MK. 5:34** Her faith impressed Jesus!

Conclusion:

We can go through life as victims or victors. The choice is ours!

