



Connections

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Pastor's Greeting: A Winning Testimony

Dear Anderson Church Family,

We have considered a Biblical foundation for oneness, having an assurance of salvation, and the extremes to avoid in the topic of salvation. Now we begin to consider how to actively share the Good News that Jesus has saved us:

"They overcame 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." (NIV) Revelation 12:11

This verse mentions two things as a means of conquering power: 1) The blood of the **Lamb** and 2) the word of their **testimony**. We have no difficulty recognizing the power of the Blood, but I am not sure we truly understand the power of our testimony.

"Those who have put on Christ will relate their experience, tracing step by step the leadings of the Holy Spirit--their hungering and thirsting for the knowledge of God..., the results of their searching of the Scriptures, their prayers,...and the words of Christ to them, "Thy sins be forgiven thee." ...And as they make known the rich treasures of God's grace, more and still more of the grace of Christ will be imparted to them. They will have the heart of a little child in its simplicity and unreserved obedience. Their souls will pant after holiness, and more and more of the treasures of truth and grace will be revealed to them to be given to the world." COL 125

A testimony is a statement of first hand experience, a witness given to personal knowledge.

"That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved." Romans 10:9, 10

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A Winning Testimony (continued)

... Paul is saying here that witnessing is more than simply relying on your life-style to tell others about God and Christ. He is saying we must confess with "**our mouths.**"

"Now we can look forward to the salvation God has promised us. There is no longer any room for doubt and we can tell others that salvation is ours. For there is no question that he will do what he says." Hebrews 10:23 Living Bible

*"It is your privilege to trust in the love of Jesus for salvation, in the fullest, surest, noblest manner; to say, He loves me, He receives me; I will trust Him, for He gave His life for me. Nothing so dispels doubt as coming in contact with the character of Christ. . . **Take Christ at His word, and let your lips declare that you have gained the victory.**" TM517*

"We should not make self the center and indulge anxiety and fear as to whether we shall be saved. All this turns the soul away from the Source of our strength. . . Say with the apostle Paul, "I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me." Galatians 2:20. Rest in God. loved you." SC 71—We will continue looking at the Power of Love and Testimony as a means to share the good news!

——Next week: Presenting a Winning Testimony.

Anderson Connections (please see your bulletin for more announcements)

Social at Whiskeytown Lake: August 17, join us for a day of fun and fellowship!

Community of Oneness: We will begin a new series on the book of Acts on August 23.

Church Health Assessment: We will have ipads available in the Sanctuary on Sabbath, August 30. For those who have internet, or if you want more info: see the bulletin.

Vision Quest 2014: We begin with 10 days of prayer September 9-19. See the insert 8/23.

Roof/Solar: Continue your support by marking your tithe envelope "Roof and Solar".

Area & NCC Happenings

Northern California Conference call to prayer: each Thursday at 7:00am. Dial 424-203-8400 then put in the access code: 669648#

10+10 Local: If each one of us gave \$10/month we could easily reach our Church's goal of \$14,400 for Christian education in our area. Mark your envelope "Redding Adventist Academy".

Camp meeting 2015: July 23 to August 1 with Doug Batchelor, Ron Clouzet, etc! Visit www.nccsda.com/redwood for more info. The gazette from this year: nccsda.com/gazette