

## Exercise Your Rights in Christ!

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**Introduction:** We must know and exercise our rights as God's Children. When we know what Jesus paid for and act accordingly, everything shifts into God's order. Get ready to release God's Will into your life, family, church, community and Earth!

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A right is something that cannot be legally denied, such as the rights to free speech, press, religion, and raising a family in this world. A privilege is something that can be given and taken away and is considered to be a special advantage or opportunity that is available only to certain people.

#### 2. Proof of your Rights in Christ!

**1 John 5:1** *Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. <sup>2</sup> By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. <sup>3</sup> For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.*

#### • Faith - our right to overcome!

<sup>4</sup> *For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?*

#### • The Holy Spirit is God's Witness to you

<sup>6</sup> *This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.*

#### • Testimony of water

**Luke 3:21** *Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup> And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.*

#### • Heaven's witness of Truth

**1 John 5:7** *For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.*

**Word - Revelation 19:10** *And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: **I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.** <sup>11</sup> And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called **Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.** <sup>12</sup> His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. <sup>13</sup> **And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.***

#### • Your witness of Truth

**1 John 5:8** *And there are **three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood:** and these three agree in one.*

**Water - Mark 16:15** *And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. <sup>16</sup> **He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.***

**Blood - Matthew 27:50** *Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. <sup>51</sup> And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;*

**Before ascension - John 20:17** *Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.*

**Jesus' Blood in Heaven; your right to overcome - Revelation 12:10** *And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. <sup>11</sup> 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.*

**Hebrews 9:14** *How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?*

**Hebrews 9:22** *And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.*

**Hebrews 10:9** *Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. <sup>10</sup> By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.*

**Holy Spirit's Witness - Hebrews 10:12** *But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; <sup>13</sup> From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. <sup>14</sup> For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. <sup>15</sup> Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, <sup>16</sup> This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; <sup>17</sup> And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. <sup>18</sup> Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin. <sup>19</sup> Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; <sup>21</sup> And having an high priest over the house of God; <sup>22</sup> Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)*

**Receive the witness of God -**

**1 John 5:9** *If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. <sup>10</sup> He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. <sup>11</sup> And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup> He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. <sup>13</sup> These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.*

**ACT ON YOUR CONFIDENCE**

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**Remit people's sin**

<sup>16</sup> *If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it. <sup>17</sup> All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.*

<sup>18</sup> *We know that **whosoever is born of God sinneth not;** but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not. <sup>19</sup> And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. <sup>20</sup> And **we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ.** This is the true God, and eternal life. <sup>21</sup> Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.*

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**Worship God with your First-Fruits, Tithes, and Alms**

**2 Corinthians 9:6** *But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. <sup>7</sup> Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup> And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: <sup>9</sup> (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever. <sup>10</sup> Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)*