The Blood and the Glory #1

Ephesians 5:27. One paraphrase translation says, "The church the Lord Jesus Christ comes to receive unto himself will not be a downtrodden, back slidden, weakened church, but will be filled with the glory of God."

I) we have heard prophesy about the glory over the years – many prophesies here at VGC... of the coming glory like a wave....and we have witnessed the manifestation of Gods Glory.

What is the Glory ?

It is the **MANIFEST PRESENCE** of God.

Dictionary definition– Manifest = Obvious, clear, plain, evident, palpable, undisguised, unmistakeable, unquenchable, undeniable PRESENCE OF GOD.

There is going to be such an outpouring or the Holy Spirit and the manifestation of Gods Glory in these last days. What does it look like ? Signs, miracles, wonders...and even translations !!The faces of believers SO CHANGED they will SHINE with the GLORY of GOD as His presence fills His temple.

IT WILL BE GLORIOUS

READ PROPHETIC WORD GIVEN FOR VGC

1) But as we've been watching and waiting for it, we've seen something else happened, an increase in Satanic attacks.

2) Strife between brethren who preach the same message, homes broken up, we've seen God's faithful lose their lives in freak accidents. Terrorism and other evil things. Billye Brim says that the Lord took her to Revelation 12:12 which clearly shows us why

B) Revelation 12:12.

"Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath because he knows that he has a short time "

1) Because the Devil's time is short, he has poured his wrath out upon the church and mankind.

2) The word "time" in Verse 12 is translated in Greek KAIROS it literally means, "A limited and definite portion of time, a set time."

(a) Satan has only been given a limited time on earth.

C) Back when God first created Adam, he gave Adam a 6000-year lease on this earth, but Adam committed high treason and deliver his authority to Satan, Satan then became the God of this world.

1) When the set time of Adam's lease is over, Satan will be evicted and sent to the pit.

2) Satan knows about his set time. <u>Matthew 8:28-29</u>..... demon possessed men cried out "what have we to do with you Jesus, you Son of God ? Have you come here to torment us before THE TIME ?"

(a) Satan's lease is about up and he's doing his most to come against the church and mankind.

D) Go back to <u>Revelation 12:1</u>1. Here is our answer.... here is our protection..... this is how we do it...." and they overcame him by the blood of the lamb and the word of their testimony"

1) The blood, the blood of Jesus together with the WORD is how we overcome the enemy.

2) Kenneth Hagin tells a story of a missionary overcame the always-deadly sting of a venomous scorpion by saying, "I plead the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ against this scorpion sting."

(a) The natives watched the woman expecting her to die. When nothing happened to her most to them accepted Jesus.

3) "Every benefit and blessing we have..... including **complete** and **total victory** over Satan, is based on Jesus and his triumph over Satan at the cross. We have victory over Satan because of

Jesus shed blood."

II) The old-timers in Pentecost understood a truth about the blood of Jesus. They would plead the blood of Jesus against the Devil. They understood that he has already been defeated.... by the precious blood of the Lamb. In the teachings over the coming weeks we will learn what they knew and we will learn how to do it.

A) 2 Corinthians 2:14 God is not willing that we should be overcome even once. He always causes us to triumph in Christ.

No matter what way the devil comes... sickness, temptation, discouragement, or any other way he is OVERCOME by the blood of the lamb and the word of our testimony.....The word of our testimony is THE WORD OF GOD. The blood and the word MUST AGREE...the word of our testimony MUST line up with what Jesus purchased with HIS blood....dont let the blood say you are HEALED DELIVERED AND SET FREE and the word of your testimony be I AM SICK AND I'M ALWAYS GOING TO BE SICK !!!! The blood and the word must agree.

The Word of God in your mouth and faith in the blood of Jesus is an overcoming power. WHEN SOMETHING IS OVERCOME IT HAS NO MORE POWER

<u>READ TESTIMONIES PAGE 20</u> the dog..... yellow fever.

The concept of "Honouring the blood of Jesus" was well known to the "old- timers" They had faith in the power of the blood. And they used it as a weapon.

The price of constant victory

The old timers set up " a Blood watch....a word watch"

<u>1st Peter 5:8</u>. Be sober, be vigilant because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour"

Gods remedy always accomplishes just what God says it will accomplish – overcome the enemy. But watch fullness is the price of constant victory.... we cant afford to be lax....and let our faith drop...we cant afford to let our mouths VENT.... we have to be vigilant. Reminding ourselves constantly of our victory in the blood and watching our words. (a) The word "Vigilant" means, "Watch at all times."

(b) It means, "To keep your eyes open, See what you're doing or not doing."

we cant afford to be half hearted or lukewarm in our faith. A lack of watchfulness is how the enemy slips in on us.

We have begun to re-kindle this - First thing in the morning apply the blood of Jesus on yourself and your loved ones – the blood is a hedge of protection. At any time during the day as you pray and think about situations place the blood of Jesus upon them last thing before we go to sleep place the blood of Jesus around your home...your dreams.... your family.

The blood of Jesus is not intended just to be our "Crisis" run to position....

Don't only do it when you have a crisis, it needs to become our "default" position our factory setting. When the enemy comes creeping around the blood must be evident. It is provided as our protection to avert crisis... Plead the blood daily, hourly if you must.

It is better to stop "sickness, disease etc in it's tracks.... than to wait till its come upon you!!