



The Faith Conquest

During an arms conflict or a military campaign, it is far easier to defend a post than make a conquest. It takes fewer men, resources, and strategies to stand your ground. This is true in any battle whether it's the assault of the American diplomatic compound in Benghazi, Invasion of Normandy, 300 Spartans at the Pass of Thermopylae, or the day-to-day battles in a believer in Christ's life.

As a believer in Christ, you are standing on victory ground because of Christ's conquest through His death, burial and resurrection. In other words, you are not trying to obtain God's favor, blessing, or love, but, through the finished work of Christ, you are an heir of the world. This means you have been blessed with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

When Satan comes and brings his attacks, all you have to do is stand your ground. You're not fighting for victory but from victory. There is still a fight, but it's the good fight of faith. It is in your best interest to learn how to operate in the good fight of faith because faith is the vessel by which all of God's blessings flow into your life.

2 Corinthians 4:13

And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak,

First notice we have the same spirit of faith. Whose faith? The faith that Jesus operates in is also the same spirit of faith you currently operate in. It is a relief to know that you have a faith gun with a bullet that will never miss. All you need to learn now is how to pull the trigger.

Paul says the trigger is speaking forth. In other words, belief always comes with a voice and right belief always comes with the right confession/deed.

2 Corinthians 4:14

Knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you,

Secondly, notice your speaking is tied together with the knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise you up together with Him. Paul is simply saying to speak up/confess/deed the resurrection of Christ. When you speak up/confess/deed His resurrection, your circumstance will be raised up together as He was raised.

-What does it mean to speak forth/confess/deed His resurrection?

It is to speak forth/confess/deed, "I am the righteousness of God in Christ."

Romans 10:10

For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation,

Think about when you first believed in Jesus. You believed with the heart, and then you began to acknowledge Him as your Savior from an inner sentiment receiving salvation of your spirit.

Likewise, now that you are a believer in Christ, you simply speak forth/confess/declare righteousness. It is with the heart ones believes in the imputation of the gift righteousness via faith in Christ followed by mouth confession of righteousness unto salvation. The whole context is speaking of righteousness.

Know that salvation is not just to divert from hell but also includes the momentary saving of your soul (emotions/mind/will) and body. For example, if you need to be saved from addictions, believe you are the righteousness of God in Christ, and then mouth confession of righteousness is made unto the saving of your emotions. When you speak forth/confess/declare righteousness, you reaffirm resurrection life in your thoughts, emotions, behavior, body, and circumstances.

Romans 10:11

For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.”

The apostle Paul goes on to quote Isaiah 28:16. However, if one were to look at Isaiah 28:16, from a naked eye there might seem to be discrepancy. In the original Hebrew, the phrase “believes on Him” actually says “relies on it” [the cornerstone], which typifies Jesus as our righteousness.

My point is, New Testament faith is the sole belief that you are the righteousness of God in Christ. When you rely that Jesus is your righteousness, you will speak forth/confess/declare that you are the righteousness of God in Christ. The life of a believer in Christ is about resting and speaking!

According to modern day theologian, Dr. Allister McGrath stated the following:

- The faith by which we are justified [made righteous] is faith. Faith is like a channel through which the benefits of Christ flow to us. (Added brackets by Joyner Briceño for emphasis)

Anything apart from the sole belief of being the righteousness of God by faith in Christ is not the faith of the New Testament. When you begin to rest in Christ as your righteousness then you will begin to rely in this beautiful gift of righteousness to the point where you will begin to speak it over yourself, constantly being reminded that in Christ you are righteous despite what circumstances say.

For example: When you have pain/sickness in your body, say, “I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus; therefore, pain/sickness has no power over me. This will affirm righteousness in your heart. Then take up His authority and speak against the pain/sickness by saying, “Pain/sickness leave in Jesus name.”

Remember this: As the righteousness of God in Christ, you will not be put to shame.

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