

Can godly leaders **confirm** the testimony of Christ in you?

*“Even as the testimony of Christ was **confirmed in you:**” (1 Corinthians 1:6)*

The testimony of Christ or His servants is nothing of which to be **ashamed!**

*“**Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;**” (2 Timothy 1:8)*

Testifying of Jesus might get you **exiled.**

*“I John, who also am your brother, and **companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.**” (Revelation 1:9)*

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### It’s All About Jesus – A Closer Look

*“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.**” (Revelation 12:11)*

The method to overcome the enemy is **JESUS!**  
So again, it is entirely about Jesus.

**Overcome** - by the **Blood of the Lamb.**

Obviously, this is referencing Jesus and His sacrificial death as the Lamb of God. His death fully satisfies the wrath of God against sin.

**Overcome** - by the **word of our testimony.** Again, this is totally about Jesus. What is it that we are supposed to testify regarding? Our witness is of the salvation and changed life we have received because of Jesus.

**Overcome** - by **not loving our lives even unto death.** This concept would be unthinkable if not for the reality of Jesus Christ. Who would give up their life for Christ if they had no relationship with God?

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Conclusion

You are speaking a testimony. If not in words, your actions are your witness.

If you are living for Jesus...**TELL OTHERS!**

If you are a prodigal...**COME HOME!**

Be an overcomer...**witness for God’s glory!**

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Victory In Jesus

As noted in Revelation 12:11 (quoted above), our testimony is a vital component in defeating the enemy of our souls. Genuine followers of Christ seek to live a victorious, Spirit-led, Christian life, and our witness of what Jesus has done for us is part of that overcoming victory.

We will examine this verse more closely near the end of this short study.

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### Riches To Rags

*“Let this mind be in you, which was also in **Christ Jesus: (6) Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: (7) But***

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*made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men.”* (Philippians 2:5-7)

Now, this is an unbelievable testimony of **riches to rags!**

Jesus is **equal with God** (He is God, the second member of the Trinity.) Then He chose to make Himself of **no repute** and **lowered** Himself to become a **man!**

Amazing love!

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Rags To Riches

*“The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that **we are the children of God:** (17) And if children, then heirs; **heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ;** if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.”* (Romans 8:16-17)

Because Jesus left the riches of glory to die on the Cross and pay the debt for our sins, believers have inherited the riches of God! Praise be to Jesus. We have become **children of God!**

Now that is an incredible **rags to riches story!** This fact is something about which we should be testifying!

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### Riches Back To Rags

*“For if **after they have escaped** the pollutions of the world **through the knowledge of the Lord***

*and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are **again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.** (21) For it had been **better for them not to have known** the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. (22) But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, **The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.”** (2 Peter 2:20-22)*

This passage is very sobering and should be considered seriously.

Imagine having been freed from the bondage of sin and this ungodly world through knowing Jesus and returning to the vomit from which one had been released. It is hard to believe that people would choose to embrace what the world has to offer over God's salvation. But it happens.

Pastors, worship leaders, Bible teachers, and many others who were once actively involved in service to the Lord have returned to the world's ways.

As believers, we must take **the many warnings in Scripture very seriously.**

*“Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.”* (1 Corinthians 10:12)

When living the Christian life, never think you have it all together! Never believe that you are beyond falling. **God has warned us.**

**Don't go back to the vomit!**

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Come Home Prodigal

*“I will arise and **go to my father, and will say unto***

*him, Father, **I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, (19) And am **no more worthy** to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. (20) And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, **his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.”***** (Luke 15:18-20)

Great news! The Father is waiting for you to **COME HOME!**

If your testimony is currently that of one who **was following** Jesus and you are **now living in sin...**you can **come home!**

Don't keep rolling around in the vomit or pig slop. The **Blood of Jesus** is available to cleanse you from all ungodliness!

*“If we **confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*** (1 John 1:9)

Confess your vile choices and come back to Jesus. If you are sincere, He will not reject you! He died for you! He loves you!

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### Other Testimony Scriptures

Our testimony is **FOR** Jesus and **AGAINST** the ungodly.

*“But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony **against them.”*** (Mark 13:9)