

2-23-2020 Weekly Messages

Meditation of the week: Psalms 97:1-12

Text: Ephesians 2:1-10

Word title: **Christian's power overcoming Satan's army**

After the Jews executed their king on the cross, Jesus Christ. God called Apostle Paul to open blessing for the Gentiles to save them from sin and death and curse and hell when they had been the slaves of Satan. Apostle Paul testified of our lives when we were living as the slaves of Satan :

" 1And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; 2Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: 3Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others."(Eph. 2:1-3)

That's right! Before we were saved, the flesh was alive but already spiritually dead. But when we received the Lord Jesus Christ by faith, we were revived with the breath of life that is the Holy Spirit , which left from Adam when he sinned

Also, to discern the life that comes from man who is unsaved and spiritually dead, he continues to live in sin without any guilt in his heart, but he does not realize whether he is following Satan, the ruler of this world.

Satan oppresses the people of the world with his principalities, his powers, the rulers of the darkness of this world, and the spiritual evil in high places. The real manifestations of such spiritual beings are political organizations that

use power under political system such as the FBI, the IRS, the CIA, Homeland Security, and NASA and so on in the United States. Using the rulers of darkness of the world, they try to make people subject to drug and alcohol as well as sexual immorality. Not only this, they put wicked specially into the hearts of young people.

In addition, through economic system, they make people to be indulged into loving money so that they may follow the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes keeping them from serving God to take them all to the hell with Satan. Not only that, they create the variety of cultures that not only make people live in fashion, but they also cover many kinds of sins in the frame of many kinds of culture so that people don't feel any guilty at all. For example, they are doing abominations before God covering drunkenness as a kind of culture calling as drinking culture. To compromise homosexual or transsexual as Gender culture, they dare to do abomination before God even justifying them that doing such things.

Apostle Paul blamed Romans doing such kind abominable things:

" Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: 25Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. 26For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: 27And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and

receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet.
28And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;
29Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,
30Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,
31Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who know the judgment of God, that they commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them."(Romans 1:24-32)

That's right! We must remember that all of them under the judgment of God not only for them doing such things, but also for them that have pleasure in them that do them. In other word, all of them are under the judgment of God who do homosexual or transsexual, but also for them that enjoy seeing them that do such things.

As Christians who are born again by the Holy Spirit, we have already departed spiritually from Satan's ruling world and entered the kingdom of God and were newly created for good works, so that we can walk in the Holy Spirit and overcome Satan's forces. In other words, from now on, we do not live in the flesh, so we can overcome the forces of spiritual Satan. In the past, our spirit was dead, so that the body was to be Satan's servant because it could not win the spiritual battle with Satan, but now it is possible to overcome Satan's power by arming our spirit filling with the Word of

God, that is spirit and life. Therefore Apostle Paul testified of the way of victory in spiritual warfare against Satan:

" Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.
11Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
12For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.
13Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
14Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;
15And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
16Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.
17And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:
18Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;
"(Ephesians 6: 10-18)

As in physical warfare, there are two weapons even in the spiritual warfare: defense and offence. Only those who have won the war can enjoy peaceful life in the Holy Spirit. Not only that, we can also enjoy the rewards of God's blessings. Christians who win the spiritual warfare against Satan by faith shall be overcomer to be rewarded as we have done when the Lord appears in the future. The reward for Christians is the crown to reign with Christ in his Millennium Kingdom.

Amen! Hallelujah!