

The Azusa Street Papers Overview – First-Class Problem to the Kingdom of Darkness
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TESTIMONY FROM THE AZUSA PAPERS;

“PENTECOSTAL MEETINGS. In Little Rock, Ark. May 7. —I thank God that I am able to report victory through Jesus Christ our Lord. We are now in the midst of a great waiting. The fire is falling and the people are getting the baptism right along. The Holy Ghost is working in our midst as never before. The Lord has made known to us that the speaking in tongues is the Bible evidence of the baptism with the Holy Ghost. Bro. Jeter and I are holding the meeting here with some others of the brethren. The Holy Ghost has charge. Pray much that we may get out of the way of the Holy Ghost, so that He can run things to suit Himself. — D.J. Young, 212 N. Hickory St., Pine Bluff, Ark.”

That would be a good prayer for many preachers in the pulpits today, ‘to get out of the way’ of the Holy Ghost’s plan. That would be a first-class problem to the kingdom of darkness.

Revelation 12:7-11 says this about satan being thrown out of heaven; *“7 And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, 8 but they [a]did not prevail, nor was a place found for [b]them in heaven any longer. 9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. 10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. 11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.”*

It's my understanding that this is the initial fall of Lucifer and those that overcome him is the church. Lucifer was cast out with 1/3 of his fallen angels. This is how we overcome the devil, the accuser of the Church, it's by the blood of Jesus that was shed to give us forgiveness of sins.

The Apostle John says in **1 John 1:7**; *“7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.”*

We overcome the accuser of the Church by the word of our testimony, so when the accuser comes against you, Christian, give your testimony how you became a Christian to the individual he is operating thru at the time. And if it's not an individual that is accusing you, but rather a demon spirit, remind that demon of what the blood of Jesus did for you, and shout your testimony from the roof top so that all can hear your testimony and the devil will see and hear that every time he opens up his mouth to accuse you as a Christian, your testimony is loudly proclaimed. This is not what he wants anyone to hear, including himself, because this is how we overcome him. The devil doesn't like the fact that not only are you born again, but that you are baptized with the same Holy Spirit and fire that the disciples on the Day of Pentecost received in the upper room. We don't overcome the devil by keeping our mouths shut, while he runs off his mouth falsely accusing your Christian walk, but rather we remind him of how Jesus defeated him by shedding His blood for us, and our testimony is a continuous reminder that he is a defeated enemy of the cross, past tense.

Colossians 2:11-15 says; *“11 In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body [a]of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, 12 buried with Him in baptism,*

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in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. 13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, 14 having wiped out the [b]handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. 15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.”

We have to keep in perspective that the devil is not only a liar, and Jesus referenced him to be the father of lies that has no truth in him.

Jesus says in **John 8:44** addressing the religious leaders; *“44 You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.”*

The Pentecostal churches that developed from the Azusa Street Church, loudly proclaimed their testimony’s of being saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Spirit and fire in Christian newspaper publications that spread like wildfire all over the world. The more the devil lied about them the more they grew as a first-class problem to the kingdom of darkness, that ignited revival by the words of their testimony. So the next time the devil lies about you, Christian, remind him of his future eternal home in hell, and loudly proclaim what Jesus has done for you, past tense, and what he is going to do for you in the future.

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“In Topeka, Kansas. Mission, 926 N. Kans. Ave., May 9. —It is surely wonderful how the Lord is working all over the world, and I am glad I have a part in this great work. Praise His name. The work here is moving ahead and several are tarrying and seeking Pentecost. A half dozen or more have received the baptism and have spoken in tongues. Sister Culp has returned to us from Los Angeles, where she received her Pentecost. God is using her here to His glory in speaking in tongues and telling of His wonderful works. We had a blessed day Sunday. The afternoon service ran on into the night. The power of God came on one sister. She got up from the altar and shouted all over the house and praised God. Her husband went down on his back under the power. He said he was nearer the Lord than he had ever been. Others are earnestly seeking. The devil is fighting hard, but we are determined to stay on the field and let God have His way with us. — C.E. Foster.”

Again, **Revelation 7:11** says; *“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.”*

Self-preservation of your life as a Christian, will cause you to not give your testimony and you’ll end up flying under the secular radar, rolling in stealth and as a result be overcome by the lies that the devil is accusing you of and you will not produce a harvest of souls and the love for your life that you are preserving, will end up in the devils lost and found section in hell. You say, that’s heavy preacher, yes, it’s heavy. You end up backsliding.

In **Mark 8:34-38**, Jesus gives a stern warning as to what will happen with those who are ‘rolling in stealth’ and are ashamed of their testimony; *“34 When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, “Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. 35 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it. 36 For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? 37 Or what*

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will a man give in exchange for his soul? 38 For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”

These are tough words that Jesus Himself spoke to His disciples, I don't want to lose my seat in heaven and end up in the devils lost and found section of Hell, because I chose to live a life of self preservation rather than die to self and over come the devil by the Blood of the Lamb, the word of my testimony and loving not my life unto death.

Jesus says in **John 12:23-25**; “*23 But Jesus answered them, saying, “The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. 24 Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much [a]grain. 25 He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.”*

So the next time the devil accuses you, Christian, boldly proclaim the truth found in the Bible about how the Blood of Jesus Christ defeated him, and then boldly proclaim you're not ashamed of being His disciple by giving your testimony about being born-again, filled with the Holy Spirit and fire, operating in the gifts of the Holy Spirit and living a crucified life.

The Azusa saints lived crucified lives that were dead to self, were unashamed of Jesus and boldly gave testimony of the supernatural operation of the Holy Spirit gifts in their church services while facing satanic opposition in one form or another, be it from nominal Christians or secular non-Christians.

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“In Memphis, Tenn. May 2. —The Lord our God is with us at this place, and the saints are receiving their Pentecost. I have never met with such power of the devil as here. One man came to the service and dragged his wife from the altar by force and threatened to kill me and others. But, glory to God, he was overpowered by our God. His wife got the baptism and spoke in tongues, and last night He was back to the service and says he must have his Pentecost. Praise God. I heard from Bro. Mason's church. The power is falling and many souls being filled and speaking in tongues. I met Bro. Mason last week and found him filled with the blessed Holy Ghost. He is a precious brother. Here is a battle but our God is fighting it for us. We are only here to stand still and see the salvation of the Lord. The saints are gathering here from Mississippi, Missouri and points of Tennessee. This work at Memphis is now on footing to continue all summer. I long to see you all in life, but if not, I will meet you at the marriage supper of the Lamb. — G.B. Cashwell”

These are powerful testimonies of how they overcame, by not loving their lives unto death and knowing the power of the blood of Jesus. No time is a good time to be flying under the secular radar as a stealth Christian. Those in the lost and found section of hell would warn you if they could, who the devil once lost to Jesus but were found again by the devil as a lukewarm lover of self and ashamed of Jesus. Any time is a good time for a Christian to put the devil in his place of defeat, and unashamedly proclaim Jesus as Lord of all their life. This 'lost and found section of hell' is being spoken of figuratively, not literally, but if it does exist, you don't want to end up there, Christian.

Luke 9:57-62 in the Amplified Bible says; “*57 As they were going along the road, someone said to Him, “I will follow You wherever You go.” 58 And Jesus told him, “Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay His head.” 59 He said to another, “Follow Me [accepting Me as Master*

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and Teacher].” But he said, “Lord, allow me first to go and [a]bury my father.” 60 But He said to him, “Allow the [spiritually] dead to bury their own dead; but as for you, go and spread the news about the kingdom of God.” 61 Another also said, “I will follow You, Lord [as Your disciple]; but first let me say goodbye to those at my home.” 62 But Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back [to the things left behind] is fit for the kingdom of God.”

Keep in perspective that the devil is the father of lies and has no truth in him, and this is all the more reason to put him in his place of defeat by exacting the Lordship of Christ in our lives by not allowing anything to get in the way of being a disciple of Christ, no matter what the cost. Salvation is a free gift, but it will cost you your life, but when you think of it, it's a very good exchange, giving up your lover-of-self life on earth that leads to hell, for a dead-to-self life on earth that leads to heaven.

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“In Denver, Colo. 1312 Welton St., March 18. — Sinners are being saved, believers are being sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire and speaking in tongues. The altar is full of seekers every afternoon and evening, and people are being healed of scrofula, salt rheum, curvature of the spine, locomotive ataxia, diseases of the eyes, ears, etc. One lady had a legion of demons cast out of her, was saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost inside an hour, and spoke in tongues at the night meeting. One Swedish young man here had a demon cast out and received the baptism with the Holy Ghost, speaking in tongues, inside of two and a half hours. People of all ages with all manner of diseases are coming for healing, and the deaf, lame, and blind. The Acts of the Apostles are being repeated here now. Handkerchiefs are being blessed and sent to sick people in other places, and children of God are getting handkerchiefs blessed for unbelieving husbands and children and for sick folks here in and around Denver. This gives an outline of the work going on here the past two or three weeks. I want to tell you also that God sends in an interpreter from time to time. One night here a young cowboy from the Creek Indians dropped in and heard one of the sisters speak the Creek Indian language, and another night a doctor dropped in who understood three languages she spoke. — Mrs. Nora Wilcox.”

What we just read are testimonies of saints that have counted the cost of being a disciple of Christ and loved not their lives even unto death. They were all in, no half-stepping, sitting on a picket fence with one foot in the world and one foot in the Church, they were hot for Jesus, on fire and not lukewarm like so many Christians today. A good question to ask your self, Christian, am I all in with Jesus, or am I on the uncomfortable picket fence, rolling in stealth as a Christian when not in Church, and living the life of Christian Lite while in church? There's no half-stepping it with Jesus, He would prefer you to be a hot, on fire Christian, or a cold unbeliever than to be a lukewarm Christian that He said He would spit out of His mouth. So is it worth it to listen to the liar that the devil is, and end up in the lost and found section of hell to be tormented in the lake of fire for eternity, knowing that you had numerous opportunities to get off the fence and be all in for Jesus?

When it comes right down to it, Christian, the only way you are going to overcome the accuser of the Church is by declaring boldly the blood of Jesus that saved your soul from the kingdom of darkness, and declaring to the devil or individuals, that the devil is using at the time, your testimony of being not only saved, but sanctified and filled with the Holy Spirit and fire with the gifts of the Holy Spirit operating in your life.

Finally, by your words and actions, live a crucified life that is dead to the world, flesh and the devil but alive to Christ, being a dead man or dead woman walking, all in for Jesus, on fire. Be a first-class problem to the

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kingdom of darkness. Rise up with His word, rise up with your testimony and overcome by the blood of Jesus. You don't want to lose your seat in heaven. You don't want to be spit out of God's mouth because of being lukewarm, and end up in eternity in hell. Can you imagine the demons tormenting you there? They would mock you saying, 'oh, wasn't this the preacher that overcame us, isn't this the Christian that used to overcome us by the word of their testimony, the one who didn't even love their lives unto death? Isn't this that Christian who used to torment us by their testimony? Didn't they used to be that way? No, it can't be him, but it is. Can't you remember those days.'

You say, that's impossible preacher, oh, yes, it's possible. By your own decision making it's possible. It's not God's will you that spend eternity separated from Him, but by becoming lukewarm, no longer on fire, rolling in stealth, embracing Christianity Lite; God has no choice because it's what you've chosen. You've chosen to sit on the picket fence, one foot in the world and one foot in the Church. Jesus says He'd rather have you hot and on fire, or cold, but to be lukewarm, He'll spit you out of His mouth.

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