

He Who Overcomes Shall Inherit All Things (Revelation 21:7)

I. Only through Jesus Christ can we overcome

- A. He Who is in us is greater than he who is in the world (1 Jn. 4:4); He overcame the world (John 16:33)
- B. He overcame the temptations of the devil (Mt. 4:1-11; Lk. 4:1-13); tempted in all things yet without sin – He is our great, heavenly High Priest (Heb. 4:15-16)
- C. The ruler of this world has nothing in the Lord Jesus (Jn. 14:30)
- D. He disarmed all principalities and powers, making a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them through the cross (Col. 2:14-15); He is even the Head of all principality and power <rule and authority> (Col. 2:10; Eph. 1:20-22)
 - 1. Through death on the cross He destroyed the devil, who had the power of death (Heb. 2:14-18)
 - 2. He overcame death in His resurrection through the Spirit (Acts 2:23-24; 32-36; Rom. 8:11; 1 Cor. 15:54)
 - 3. Now Jesus Christ holds the keys of hades and of death (Rev. 1:18)
- E. He ascended to the heavens, and sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high (Heb. 1:3-4, 8, 13)
 - 1. He is far above all principality and power, might and dominion, and every name that is named (Eph. 1:21-23)
 - 2. God made Head over all things to the church, His body
 - 3. He is the Ruler over the kings of the earth (Rev. 1:6)
 - 4. Making all His enemies His footstool

II. This victorious and conquering Christ dwells in us

- A. Through His overcoming life imparted to us through regeneration (1 Jn. 5:4-5), through which we also receive the precious faith (2 Pet. 1:1; Heb. 11:1, 4-7)

- B. Making us more than conquerors (Rom. 8:37; 1 Cor. 15:57)
- C. Always leading us in triumph and victory (2 Cor. 2:14)
- D. We must learn and exercise to do all things through Christ Who strengthens us (Phil 4:13)

III. Our cooperation with Christ to become overcomers

- A. Pray to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ that our inward man (our regenerated spirit) will be strengthened by His Spirit according to the riches of His glory (Eph. 3:16-17)
- B. That we may experience the same exceeding great power with which God worked in Christ Jesus (Eph. 1:19-20)
- C. Eat the word of life by mingling it with our spirit of faith (Heb. 4:2, 12)
- D. Let the living word of Christ dwell richly in our hearts (Col. 3:16a; 1 Jn. 2:13-14)
- E. Keep our hearts pure, as He is pure (1 Jn. 3:3); practice righteousness, as He is righteous (1 Jn. 3:7); walk as He walked (1 Jn. 2:6); be faithful as He is faithful (Rev. 1:5a; 3:14; 19:11; 2:10b; 13; 17:14b)
- F. Pursue and perfect holiness in the fear of God (Heb. 12:14; 2 Cor. 7:1)
- G. Desire to be conformed and transformed to the glorious image of Christ (2 Cor. 3:17-18)
- H. Walk in the light as He is in the light
- I. Love the Lord our God with our whole heart

IV. The different things we need to overcome

- A. The flesh and the self <the old man> (Gal. 5:16-21, 24)
 - 1. Walking according to the spirit
 - 2. Experience having the flesh with its passions and desires crucified <with Christ>
 - 3. Put off the old man
- B. The world (1 Jn. 2:15-17; 5:19; Gal. 1:4; Jam. 4:4)
 - 1. The world lies in the hand of the wicked one

2. Satan is called the ruler <PRINCE> of this world (Jn. 12:31; 14:30); the God of this world <age> (2 Cor. 4:4); the deceiver of the whole world (Rev. 12:9)
 3. The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life
- C. The accuser of the brethren (Rev. 12:10-11)
- D. Revelation Chapters 2-3
1. Not leaving the first <best> love for the Lord by continuously eating of the tree of life
 2. Being in the world but not of the world
 - a. Being like Antipas
 - b. Not afraid of tribulation
 - c. Being like the apostle John
 3. Hating what the Lord hates
 - a. The works of the Nicolaitans
 - b. The doctrine of Balaam
 - c. Jezebel
 - d. Spiritual death and being lukewarm
 4. Being fully one with the Lord's will
 - a. As Smyrna –
 - i. Willing to suffer tribulation; not fearing persecution, being faithful unto death
 - ii. God's *faithful* people in all the past ages went through and came out of "the great tribulation"
 - iii. They washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb (see Rev. 12:10-11). These are the "man-child" in Rev. 12:5 and the "martyrs" in the 5th seal of Rev. 6:9-11
 - b. As Philadelphia – the church of brotherly love
 - i. They are pillars in the temple of God
 - ii. The Lord will write on them the name of His God, and of the New Jerusalem, which comes

down out of heaven from His God, and His new name

V. The ultimate reward of the overcomers

- A. They will be priests and kings to God the Father (Rev. 1:6; 5:10)
- B. They shall reign on earth over the nations (Rev. 2:26-27; 3:21; 5:10)
- C. They shall inherit all things with Christ (Rev. 21:7; Heb. 1:2; Rom. 8:17; Gal. 3:29; 4:1, 7) – the need for the full maturity in our spiritual life (see Eph. 4:14-16)