

## **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 5<sup>th</sup> 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)