

# 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 John 4:4)
  - 1. He overcame the world and religion (John 16:33)
  - 2. The ruler of this world has nothing in Him (John 14:30)
  - 3. He overcame all the temptations of the devil (Matt. 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-13); tempted in all things yet without sin
- B. He disarmed all principalities and powers, making a public spectacle of them and triumphing over them through the cross (Col. 2:14-15)
  - 1. Through His 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)
  - 4. He has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals (Rev. 5:1-14)
- C. 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 every principality and power, might and dominion, and every name that is named (Eph. 1:21-23; Col. 2:10; Eph. 1:20-22)
  - 2. God made Him head over all things to the church, His body
  - 3. He is our heavenly High Priest (Heb. 4:15-16)

4. He is the ruler over the kings of the earth (Rev. 1:5)
5. God made all His enemies His footstool

## **II. This victorious and conquering Christ dwells in us**

(1 John 4:4; Col. 1:27; Eph. 3:17; Gal. 2:20)

- A. Everything that is born of God overcomes the world – our faith in Him is the victory (1 John 5:4-5; Heb. 11:1)
- B. In all things we are more than conquerors through Him (Rom. 8:37)
- C. God gives us the victory and always leads us in triumph in Christ (1 Cor. 15:57; 2 Cor. 2:14)
- D. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13)
- E. Coming to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ (Eph. 4:7, 13; 1:23; Gal. 4:19)

## **III. Our cooperation with Christ to become overcomers**

(Phil. 2:12-13)

- A. Diligently cooperate and pay the price to be filled with God's life each day so that we can overcome and not become comfortable (Matt. 7:13-14; 2 Pet. 1:5, 10; Matt. 25:9)
- B. Redeem the time: already seek the Lord's face in the morning (Ps. 5:3; Mark 1:35; Exod. 16:21)
- C. 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; 6:10)
- D. That we may experience the same exceeding great power with which God worked in Jesus Christ (Eph. 1:19-20) – to overcome death (Rom. 7:19, 24)
- E. Eat the word of life by mingling it with our spirit of faith (Heb. 4:2, 12)

- F. Let the word of Christ dwell richly in our hearts (Col. 3:16; 1 John 2:13-14)
- G. Keep our hearts pure, as He is pure (1 John 3:3); practice righteousness, as He is righteous (1 John 3:7); walk as He walked (1 John 2:6); be faithful as He is faithful (Rev. 1:5a; 3:14; 19:11; 2:10b, 13; 17:14b)
- H. Pursue and perfect holiness in the fear of God (Heb. 12:14; 2 Cor. 7:1)
- I. Desire to be conformed to and transformed into the glorious image of Christ (2 Cor. 3:17-18)
- J. Walk in the light as He is in the light
- K. 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>
  - 1. Our flesh and our self are corrupt (Rom. 7:18-19; 8:8; Matt. 16:23-25)
  - 2. Knowing Jesus Christ as the crucified one (1 Cor. 2:2)
  - 3. We have crucified <with Christ> the flesh with its passions and desires (Gal. 5:24; 2:19-20)
  - 4. We are crucified, dead, and buried with Christ – yet we must still reckon ourselves to be dead (Rom. 6:4-11) and put to death our members (Col. 3:3, 5)
  - 5. We have put off the old man and put on the new man – which we must do anew each day (Eph. 4:22-32; Col. 3:8-14; 1 Pet. 2:1)
  - 6. Walk in the Spirit that we would by no means fulfill the lusts of the flesh (Gal. 5:16-21, 25; Rom. 8:4)
  - 7. Sow daily to the spirit and not to the flesh (Gal. 6:7-9)
- B. The world <the present evil age> (Gal. 1:4)
  - 1. The world lies in the hand of the wicked one (1 John 5:19)
  - 2. Satan is called the ruler <prince> of this world (John 12:31; 14:30), the god of this world <age>

- (2 Cor. 4:4), and the deceiver of the entire world (Rev. 12:9)
3. Friendship with the world is enmity with God (James 4:4)
  4. Through Jesus Christ, the world is crucified to us, and we to the world (Gal. 6:14; John 15:18-19; 17:14-16)
  5. Do not love the world or the things in the world – if anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him (1 John 2:15-17; 2 Tim. 4:10; 1 Pet. 4:2)
    - a. The lust of the flesh <desire for physical pleasure>
    - b. The lust of the eyes <greed, covetousness>
    - c. The vain pride of life <ambition, desire for recognition>
- C. The accuser of the brethren (Rev. 12:10-11; Zech. 3:1; Job 1:9-11)
- D. Revelation 2-3
1. Not leaving the first <best> love for the Lord – by continuously eating the tree of life (Isa. 1:4; Jer. 2:13-19)
  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 spiritual warfare

- A. The biggest battle in the universe
  - 1. God's kingdom vs. the power of darkness (Eph. 6:10-20, Col. 1:13)
  - 2. Man is the at center of this battle (Job 1; Gen. 3:1)
- B. Satan especially targets the overcomers (Rev. 12:1-5)
  - 1. The systematic attacks of the devil against the saints (Eph. 6:11)
  - 2. Not being ignorant of the enemy's devices (2 Cor. 2:11)
  - 3. The Spirit and the flesh war against one another (Gal. 5)
  - 4. Take the kingdom by force (Matt. 11:12; 1 Tim. 6:12)
  - 5. At the end of time, the enemy's wrath intensifies (Rev. 12:12)
- C. The battle waged by the church (Eph. 6:10-20; 3:10; Matt. 16:18-19)
  - 1. The church is God's army (Ps. 110; Rev. 19:14)
  - 2. The condition of the church (willing, holy, fresh)
  - 3. Our battle is not against flesh and blood (Eph. 6:12; 2 Cor. 10:3-5)
  - 4. Always praying in the Spirit and being watchful for all the saints (Eph. 6:18; Isa. 62:6; Ps. 18:34)

## **VI. The goal of the overcomers: Mount Zion, the heavenly Jerusalem**

- A. The name of the New Jerusalem is on their forehead (Rev. 3:12)
- B. They will be pillars in God's temple (Rev. 3:12)
- C. Jerusalem, the city from which God will reign over the nations
  - 1. The scepter of His strength comes out of Zion (Ps. 110:2)
  - 2. The kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it (Rev. 21:24-26; Zech. 14:16)
  - 3. The overcomers will reign with Him (Rev. 5:10; 12:5)
- D. The composition of God's house (Eph. 2:19-22)
  - 1. Christ is the cornerstone (Ps. 118:22)
  - 2. The twelve tribes of Israel are the gates (Rev. 21:12)
  - 3. The twelve apostles are the foundations (Rev. 21:14)
  - 4. The saints are the living stones (1 Pet. 2:5)
- E. The perfected city will come down out of heaven to the earth (Rev. 21:2-3, 10; Zech. 14:11)

## **VII. The goal of the overcomers: a kingdom of priests** (Exod. 19:5-6)

- A. The goal of overcoming is to worship God the Father (John 4:23-24)
  - 1. Bring the spiritual sacrifices to satisfy Him, as His food for Him to enjoy (Lev. 21:6, 8; Num. 28:2; 1 Pet. 2:5)
  - 2. Do not come empty-handed (Exod. 23:15)
- B. Gain the substance of Christ as the offerings in our daily life (Heb. 10:5-7)
  - 1. The focus: practice diligently and ask actively in order to gain Christ in everyday life (Phil. 3:7-8; Matt. 6:19-23)

2. The burnt offering: learning godly zeal (Ps. 69:9; Rom. 12:11) and complete obedience (Gen. 22:18; Heb. 5:7-9; 1 Sam. 15:22-23; 2 Cor. 10:5-6)
  3. The meal offering: gaining the love of Christ and His nature in trials and suffering (1 Cor. 13:4-7; 1 John 4:7-8; Phil. 2:5-8; James 1:12)
- C. Prepare the offerings and bring them to God in a way that pleases Him (Lev. 19:5)
1. Offer sacrifices to the Father in love
  2. Preparation is important
  3. Learn to bring the fat, the best part, to the Father (Gen. 4:4; Lev. 9:19-21; Ezek. 44:15)
  4. Offer sacrifices of praise (Heb. 13:15) to glorify God and display His victory (Lev. 9:23-24)
- D. If we do this, we will be prepared for Christ's return
1. Transformation and spiritual maturation can only happen gradually (2 Cor. 3:18) – be perfected by making progress week by week (1 Tim. 4:15; Heb. 7:25)
  2. Experience Christ not only generally, but specifically in the transforming qualities of the offerings in order to become a firstfruit (Rev. 14:4)

### **VIII. The ultimate reward of the overcomers**

- A. They shall reign on the earth over the nations (Rev. 2:26-27; 3:21; 5:10)
- B. 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 full maturity in our spiritual life (Eph. 4:14-16; Rev. 14:1-5)