

The Benefits of Salvation Series

Who Are the Overcomers?

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Who are the Overcomers? They are those who overcome in Christ who overcame.

Jesus overcame.

John 16:33 – the world. I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”
ESV

Revelation 1:17, 18 – death, the grave, and Hades. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. ESV

Colossians 2:15 – kingdom of darkness, principalities and powers. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.
ESV

Psalms 110:1, 2 – fear and every enemy. ¹The LORD said to my Lord: “Sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.” ²The LORD extends Your mighty scepter from Zion: “Rule in the midst of Your enemies.” Berean. (Messianic Psalm)

Jesus calls true believers to overcome in His Name, by His grace, and for His glory.

As to the Accuser, ¹⁰Then 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. ¹¹And 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. Revelation 12:10, 11 NKJV

Overcomers are those who are faithful witnesses to Jesus Christ. They are filled with the Spirit. They demonstrate the agape love of God in giving to those who cannot give in return to them. They are obedient to the will of God and have a proper attitude toward the Law of God. Overcomers are wise stewards. They live in agreement with the Godhead, His mind, His heart, His will. They demonstrate the grace of God in a selflessness that lays down the life even unto death. Overcomers acknowledge the Word, align with the Word, and abide in the Word. Overcomers overcome.

Overcomers learn to forgive. They learn agape love, which requires mature spiritual discernment. Overcomers live in agreement with the Godhead and seek to understand the mind of God in order to rightly apply the Word of God. Overcomers are faithful in

the little things of life. (Matt 25:21) They serve and lay down their lives for the Body. (Matthew 20:25-28; 1 John 3:16, 17)

We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? (1 John 3:16, 17).

Overcomers know the sacrificial love of God in Christ, a love that acts for the good of the one loved. While we were enemies of God, Christ died for His own, those given to Him by the Father. He demonstrated His love for us. He died by crucifixion. Do we have the same calling as Christ, to die for the salvation of others? No. (Romans 6:10) But some might be martyred and some might die in the process of trying to save others, say, who are drowning or trapped in a fire, being shot at, etc.

John here argues from the greater to the lesser. If you say you're willing to lay down your life for the brethren, then what about the lesser things, like sharing with people in need? Watch those great swelling words and making commitments that sound just so spiritual; they may just be tested by God to see if they are those idle words or for real.

The Living God has put in our hearts a longing for heaven. This longing is actually a longing for the living God, a longing to fully know Him and to be fully known by Him. God's greatest gift to us is Himself. Revelation 22:4 speaks of seeing God's face.

No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be within the city, and His servants will worship Him. 4They will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads.... Revelation 22:3, 4 Berean

Exodus 33:18-23 – Show me Your glory. Moses asked to see God's glory; God showed Moses His goodness. God knew Moses by name; God revealed His Name Yahweh to Moses.

1 Timothy 6:16 – God lives in unapproachable light.

Hebrews 12:14 - *Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. Hebrews 12:14 ESV*

Psalms 27:4 – David's desire was to dwell with God and gaze upon His beauty.

John 14:9 – To see Jesus is to see the Father.

Matthew 5:8 – The pure in heart see God.

Revelation 22.4 – They will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads.

All of salvation is about getting back to the Father, seeing His face, basking in His glory. It's about His countenance shining upon you and me.

2 Corinthians 3:18 *And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. 2 Corinthians 3:18 ESV. See also Job 19:25-27.*

John 17:3 – The essence of eternal life is to know the Father and Jesus Christ whom the Father sent.

Psalm 73:23-28 – God is our central desire, the source of all other joys and blessings.

²³Nevertheless, I am continually with you;
you hold my right hand.

²⁴You guide me with your counsel,
and afterward you will receive me to glory.

²⁵Whom have I in heaven but you?

And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

²⁶My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength^b of my heart and my portion forever.

²⁷For behold, those who are far from you shall perish;
you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you.

²⁸But for me it is good to be near God;
I have made the Lord God my refuge,
that I may tell of all your works. ESV

Phil. 1:19-24— Yes, and I will rejoice, ¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Phil. 1:19-24 ESV

1 Timothy 6:17 – As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ESV God provides us with everything for our enjoyment. We are not to make idols out of God's provisions. In heaven, the competition ceases.

Romans 8:32 - God is a gracious Giver. He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously [or freely] give us all things? ESV

Be an Overcomer in Christ. Let God's good gifts draw you to Him to thank Him for His goodness and praise Him for His greatness. Let His kindness lead you to repentance. Romans 2

The Presence of God is a tangible presence...the Shekinah glory. We become what we behold. 1 John 3:2. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ESV

God's desire is expressed in covenant relationship. "I will be your God and you will be My son." Cf. Lev. 26:11, 12; Ezek. 27:37; 2 Cor. 6:16; Rev. 21:3

Heaven is the place where God dwells. Heaven is the place from which God rules and reigns supreme. Eph. 1:10. The kingdom of God is within us. God's goal is that there be no barrier between us and Him, no barrier between Earth and Heaven.

The Holy of Holies, a small space, becomes a city 1400 miles in each direction, a perfect cube. (Rev. 21:16)

¹⁶The city lies foursquare, its length the same as its width. And he measured the city with his rod, 12,000 stadia. Its length and width and height are equal. ESV

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place^a of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people,^b and God himself will be with them as their God.^c ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

⁵And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. ⁸But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death." Revelation 21:1-8 ESV

What is Jesus' faith and desire? John 17:24 John Piper says, "God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him."

God is after oneness – a unity, a wholeness, no barriers, nothing that separates. God desires to serve us. Is 25:6; Matthew 20:28; John 13:8. He makes His servants kings and priests.

Colossians 3:1-4 – Even now we are inseparable from Christ in a covenant bond of Blood that cannot be broken. Even now our life is hidden with Christ in God. Romans 8. Even now we are come to Mount Zion. (Hebrews 12:22, 23) Even now we are seated in heavenly realms in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 2⁶).

We are the tabernacle of the living God now. Even now we have access to the Father in the Holy of Holies. Even now we can know the oneness about which Jesus prays in John 17. Even now we can be holy as God is holy, separated from sin and self - unto Him. Even now we are the Body, the Building, the Bride, the Branch.

Right now we are being prepared as the Bride of Christ. We are to make ourselves ready, dressed in righteous acts because we are saints. (Revelation 19:8) God is not against His creation. God is not against us, or our bodies. God is for us and for His creation. We are to interact with Him and with His creation.

And this God of All Grace, this Father of Mercies, the God of Glory, desires that we be overcomers in Christ. Christ has overcome. He has overcome the world. The Prince of this world has nothing in Him. He has overcome death, hell, and the grave. In Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit, true believers overcome.

Those who overcome desire to please the Lord in all things. Jesus makes promises to those who do overcome. We hope to look at those promises next time.

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