



You Are An Overcomer
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The Bible tells us that every one who is born of God overcomes this world. Every one includes YOU! You have been born to overcome! Too many believers live below God's original intent. We settle for weakness of self instead of depending on the strength of Christ. We settle for defeat when God desires to always cause us to triumph. We settle for failure when God's good pleasure is to see us succeed! We settle for a prison when God has already provided for our freedom. We settle for worldliness, when God's design is Christlikeness!

Dare to break out of status quo Christianity and be the overcomer God intended you to be! And you don't have to apologize for doing so!

1 John 5:1-5

You are born of God.

2 Peter 1:4 You are partaker of the divine nature which enable you to escape the moral decay that is in the world.

Any one born of God overcomes the world.

Examine the usage of the words "world", and the word "overcome" in 1 John

Use of the word "world" in 1 John

1 John 2:15-17 3:17 4:1-6 4:17 5:19

To summarize, in John's communication – the "world" refers to system of evil and rebellion against God. It includes the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, the pride of life (2:15-17). It refers the demons spirits that are in operation (4:1-6). It refers to a world that is under the control, influence, and dominance of the devil (5:19). However, the believer can use this world's good to bless others (3:17). The believer's relation to the world is the same as that of Christ's (4:17).

Use of the word "overcome" in 1 John

2:13,14 overcome the wicked one

4:4 overcome the spirits that are in the world – spirits of antichrist, spirits of error and deception

5:4 overcome the world.

To overcome is to have victory over, to subdue, to have dominion, to have mastery over.

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You have been born to overcome. God designed you to be an overcomer. You are an overcomer. This is your true identity.

You are an overcomer, not because you feel like it – but because God said so. Your feeling can be changed.

You are an overcomer, even when your circumstances make you look like you are not one. Your circumstances can be changed.



You are an overcomer, even when people say you are not one. Because God said so and God will not lie.

You are an overcomer because God said you are!

You are seated with Christ in heavenly places in a position of triumph, authority and victory.

What do I overcome?

Power to overcome sin

1 John 3:9 1 John 5:18 Romans 6:14, 1 Corinthians 6:12

You have the power to overcome sin and live free from sinful addictions, bondages, etc.

Power to overcome satan and his demons

Luke 10:19 Revelation 12:11

Power to overcome everything that opposes the purposes of God

God has a plan and purpose for your life. However, there is an enemy who will do all he can to oppose, hinder or distract you from fulfilling God's purpose for your life.

You have a choice. You can press through as an overcomer and possess what God has ordained for your life or settle for whatever the devil permits.

How do we overcome?

This is how we overcome – by our faith

You must learn how to walk by faith and how to operate the principles of faith – because this is how you will live an overcoming life.

Faith is NOT saying “thy will be done” and not doing anything about it. Genuine faith discerns the will of God and presses through, overcoming every obstacle to see it accomplished.

God in heaven expresses His will, and He looks to His people on earth to execute it.

God's will is that all men be saved – but He looks to you and me to go preach the Gospel to all nations so that people can hear and be saved.

You need to add some of your faith, your diligence, your commitment, your endurance, your sweat and tears, your time and money to execute the will of God on the earth!

Bringing Truth into the realm of daily experience

1. Learn to operate out of your spirit

1 Corinthians 3:3

When you react out of the flesh you behave like an ordinary man. However, when you respond out of who you are in the spirit, you are a Christ-man or a Christ-woman. You demonstrate Christlikeness.

2. Overcome evil with good

Romans 12:21



Have an overcomer mentality

Jesus DID NOT walk around with a “poor little me”, “born in a manger”, “just a carpenter’s son”, “can’t do anything”, “stricken down by the sovereign will of God”, “my burden is so heavy”, “my cross is too painful” – mentality! Rather, the Lord Jesus walked as an overcomer – when a centurion came with a need He said “I will come and heal him”. When people were hungry He fed them. When there was a storm He calmed it. When He faced demon possessed people, He cast the devils out. When there were people misusing the temple area, He drove them out and set things in order. When He needed money to pay taxes, He got it from the mouth of a fish. When satan came to tempt Him, He resisted every temptation and won. When people came to trick Him, He astounded them with His wisdom. Until the time came for Him to go to the cross, when He willfully submitted as the Lamb of God slain from the foundation of the world.

Demons are afraid of the believer who knows who she/he is in Christ. The devils are not afraid of our deep theology. They don’t care if you have a degree from the world’s best seminary. They don’t care if you know the Hebrew and Greek. They don’t even care if all your theological beliefs are just right and accurate. What good is our deep theology, if we cannot help a person who is oppressed by demons! Once you know who you are in Christ and are so confident of its reality that you can look at devils square in the face, knowing that they have to back off, not you...that’s when you can make a dent in satan’s territory.

Without being brash, arrogant, obnoxious and rude – while walking with a spirit of true meekness and humility – maintain within you the spirit of an overcomer, the spirit of a conqueror.

John 16:33

In the world we will have tribulation, but we can live as overcomers. Jesus paved the way for us to live as overcomes – just the way He did!

2 Corinthians 2:14

God has promised to always cause you to triumph. So regardless of what you are facing, the outcome is that you will come out the winner – if you don’t quit.

Draw up a new description of your self.

You are an overcomer. Dare to live as one.



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