



Sunday March 14, 2021
Overcoming Part 7: Overcoming The Devil

REVIEW

Let us quickly review what we have covered so far:

In this series we are learning how to live victoriously over the flesh, the world, the devil.

We have established the fact that all believers can live overcoming and victorious lives over the flesh, the world, and the devil. We have understood that **the Cross** of Jesus and **our identity** in Christ are the basis for us to live overcoming victorious lives. We also discovered that living by **the Word of God** and **walking in the Spirit** are practical keys to living the overcoming life.

We discussed how to walk in **victory over the flesh**:

How do we overcome the flesh?

- 1, Know you are free from the power of sin
- 2, Use the Word in relation to your area of weakness
- 3, Walk in the Spirit and crucify the flesh
- 4, Put on Jesus and make no provision for the flesh
- 5, Get another believer to walk with you

Following that, we discussed how to live in victory over the world. In the world we face:

- A, Worldly influences and attractions.
- B, Cares and pressures.
- C, Troubles and persecutions (hardships, trials or tribulations).

We discovered four Biblical instructions to live **victoriously over the world**:

- 1, Set your desires on things above
- 2, Be sanctified by the Word and the Spirit
- 3, Live by faith in God and with a renewed mind
- 4, Be spiritually minded and earthly wise

TODAY

Today we will discuss overcoming the devil. We have shared many of these before.

Let's begin by reading two familiar Scripture texts:

James 4:7

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.



1 Peter 5:8-9

8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

OUR ADVERSARY THE DEVIL

The Bible tells us that we have an adversary – the devil.

In the Scripture texts we read, the same word 'resist' is used in both places.

The word 'resist' means to stand against, oppose.

The word 'devour' in 1 Peter 5:8, in the Greek simply means to drink down, to gulp, to swallow entirely.

We are to resist – stand against, oppose - the devil who seeks to devour each one. He wants to remove us completely.

We can summarize satan's activities by looking at a few of the titles Scripture gives to him:

TEMPTER (Matthew 4:3; 1 Thessalonians 3:5) – presents temptations, allurements in the areas of our weaknesses to draw us into sin and rebellion against God.

ACCUSER (Revelation 12:10) – throws accusations at us to demean, devalue, condemn us. The words 'devil' and 'satan' simply mean slanderer or false accuser.

DECEIVER (2 Corinthians 11:3; Revelation 12:9; 20:8,10) – tries lies, untruths, deceptions, tricks, etc.

ADVERSARY (1 Peter 5:8) – attacks to oppose, hinder, steal, kill, destroy.

How do we engage and overcome the enemy? How do we live a life of consistent victory and dominion over the enemy?

Every believer can live an overcoming life – living victorious over the flesh, the world and the devil. Here are four Biblical instructions to apply to walk in victory over the devil:

#1, Know that satan has been defeated

#2, Be aware of the enemy's tactics



- #3, Be vigilant and give the enemy no opportunity
- #4, Use your spiritual weapons

#1, KNOW THAT SATAN HAS BEEN DEFEATED

On the Cross Jesus Christ defeated satan on our behalf, for us.

Satan has been crushed (Genesis 3:15), expelled (John 12:31-33), condemned (John 16:8-11), disarmed (Colossians 2:14-15), destroyed (Hebrews 2:14-15) and rendered powerless (Matthew 28:18-19).

Colossians 2:15

Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

We walk with a sense of absolute mastery and dominion over the enemy. We expect to trample over him, just as the Scripture states:

Romans 16:20

And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

#2, BE AWARE OF THE ENEMY'S TACTICS

2 Corinthians 2:11

lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

Ephesians 6:11 ".... the wiles of the devil."

What does the Bible say about satan's tactics or wiles?

Satan's tactics or operations can be categorized into these:

- #1, Mind games – something he attempts against all of us regularly. The temptations, accusations and deceptions come to us primarily in the mind.
- #2, Looking for open doors – something he waits for, any opportunity and he is there.
- #3, Violations and intrusions – something he will attempt from time to time.

His attacks come either through open doors we give through our sin, or by his attempts to violate and intrude.



His objectives are to keep us from living victorious lives, make us ineffective for the Kingdom and if possible, draw us away from the faith.

Recognize when the enemy is trying something against you.

#3, BE VIGILANT AND GIVE THE ENEMY NO OPPORTUNITY

Ephesians 4:27 nor give place to the devil.

James 4:7

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

Give no place to the devil by living in submission to the Lord.

Let every area of your life be in submission to the Lord Jesus Christ.

If every area of your life is in submission to God, know that even when the enemy attempts his best efforts you are secure.

You are dwelling in the secret place of the Most High. There is no safer place!

#4, USE YOUR SPIRITUAL WEAPONS

1 Peter 5:8-9

8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

We are to resist the devil.

We do this by using our spiritual weapons that have been given to us by God.

We simply mention here the weapons of our warfare:

- 1) The Name of Jesus
- 2) The Word of God
- 3) The Anointing of the Holy Spirit
- 4) The Blood of Jesus
- 5) The Armor of God



- 6) Praise and Worship
- 7) Prayer & Intercession

We use any one or any combination of these weapons at any given time.

God has assured us that he will flee from us. So we stand our ground knowing God will cause us to triumph.

SUMMARY

Every believer can live an overcoming life – living victorious over the flesh, the world and the devil.

- #1, Know that satan has been defeated
- #2, Be aware of the enemy's tactics
- #3, Be vigilant and give the enemy no opportunity
- #4, Use your spiritual weapons

SALVATION CALL

The GOSPEL (Good News) in brief.

Here is how we RECEIVE the Good News for our personal lives.

We make it a simple A,B,C,D. We must:

ACKNOWLEDGE: our sin, the consequences of our sin, and our need for a Savior

BELIEVE: in Jesus Christ, in who He is and what He has done on the Cross, personally

CONFESS: Jesus Christ as the Lord and Savior of our lives

DECIDE: to follow Jesus Christ as His disciple for the rest of our lives

MINISTRY TIME

Call team up:

First and Third (and fifth) Sundays: Nancy Ramya, Selina Macwana, Roshan Jonas

Second and Fourth Sundays: Jeyakumar Isaiah, Jacob Mathew, Jean George



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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The following is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full-length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at apcwo.org/sermons . Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture passages: James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:8-9

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

1) Discuss the four titles given to the devil that were mentioned, and how these reflect his activities against the believer: Tempter, Accuser, Deceiver, Adversary

2) Why is it important for us to know that satan has been defeated? Do all believers really know that the Lord Jesus Christ has dealt a crushing blow to satan on the Cross?

3) Why is it important for believers to know what satan's tactics are? We summarized these as (A)Mind games (B)Looking for open doors and (C) Violations and intrusions. Discuss these to ensure each one understands satan's tactics against the believer



4) *Discuss briefly how we would make use of the spiritual weapons God has given to us (keep it brief please):*

- A. *The Name of Jesus*
- B. *The Word of God*
- C. *The Anointing of the Holy Spirit*
- D. *The Blood of Jesus*
- E. *The Armor of God*
- F. *Praise and Worship*
- G. *Prayer & Intercession*

If time permits, each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey.

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another.

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

- 1, *families to be protected and strengthened.*
- 2, *a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.*
- 3, *for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for God's hand to guide us through the land search and acquisition process, and for finances to be more than enough to get this project done.*

Close by thanking God together.