

# Be an overcomer!

The only way through that narrow gate!

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This is what the Master said: Jesus told His apostles right before He was arrested—He said **John 16:33** “*In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.*”

The world is the devil’s kingdom, as **Paul said**, *in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience* .

Jesus overcame the prince of this world, when He arose from the grave. He overcame death. The grave could not hold Him!

We can overcome the devil if we are not son & daughters of disobedience. But rather are sons & daughters of “obedience“ to Christ.

God made HIS Son, who knew no sin, to be sin for us! So that we can be righteous in His sight! It is the only way we can be righteous!

So what is an overcomer! If someone says something with a word that we are not sure what it means, sometimes even a word we heard many times & don’t really know how to express its meaning, we would probably google it or look it up in a dictionary. So this is the meaning of an overcomer.

A person who overcomes something: one who

succeeds in dealing with or gaining control of some problem or difficulty, or to gain the victory; to win; to conquer: Or to prevail over , whether it be (opposition, temptations, trials, but not to be overcome with doubts & fears , But to overcome with faith & hope.

So we can see Jesus definitely was an overcomer. The religious leader thought they were going to crucify Him & be done with Him. But they did not realize that it was all a part of Gods plan.

Jesus overcame problems & difficulties, He won the victory, He conquered death, it self . He prevailed over , all opposition when He rose on the third day . He is the perfect sacrifice , because He is sinless , perfect in every way .

Jesus surely overcame temptation after He fasted 40 days in the desert . He told satan “ away with you satan.“ He said, you shall worship The Lord your God & Him only shall you serve!

Jesus also did have doubts & fears , when He pray in the garden of Gethsemane .

He pleaded with the Father, 3 times , saying the same words , Father take this cup from Me , He had such anguish, from knowing the pain & suffering, that He was going to endure, that He had sweat drops , like blood coming from His body. Yet He overcame that.

He said nevertheless, not my will , Father , but yours be done ! He overcame that with love for humanity ,

with love & obedience to The Father . So to be an overcomer , we need Faith & hope in our Lord Jesus Christ . He is the author & finisher of our faith .

And with His work on the cross, He gave us a hope for eternal life , with Him & The Father . Without faith we cannot be an overcomer, we cannot conquer our fears , our doubts & the dark pictures the devil puts in our hearts & minds , in the time of trouble .

This is why when Jesus left this earth, He told His apostles that He would send The Helper , The Holy Spirit , The Spirit Of Truth & His Spirit would lead us into all truth. He will help us be an overcomer.

1st John 5:4-5 it says : *“For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—“our faith.”*

Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God !

Do you believe that Jesus is The One God sent, do you believe He is the Son Of God? As Jesus asked His , Apostles who they believed He is , & Peter spoke up , saying You are The Christ , The son Of The Living God !

And Jesus said , blessed are you Simon , son of Jonah , for flesh & blood has not revealed this to you , but My Father who is in heaven .

So to be an overcomer in the Christian religion, we would definitely need faith , faith in our Lord Jesus Christ . Faith in the One the Father sent . We need to believe that Jesus died for

us , believe He shed His blood for the remission of our sins .

Believe that He made us pure & clean & sinless, believe He , made us holy & blameless & above reproach in God’s sight . Believe He rose again , and is sitting at , The Father’s right hand , Believe He is the Son Of God !

So Jesus is our redeemer & our Savior . We cannot even come to the Father, except thru Him , because as He told us when He was here on earth, that He is the Way , He is The Truth & He is the Life .

The only way to the cross, the only way to redemption & forgiveness, the only way through that narrow gate, the only way to eternal life, with Him on high. He is The only Truth, that we should trust in, believe in, and obey.

We need to have Him in our hearts & minds. And , He is the Life we should live , the very footsteps we should walk in . Footsteps of mercy & grace , foot steps of love , peace , foot steps of forgiveness & faith & trust in Him

The life that He lived was completely for others , there wasn’t one thing that He did here on earth that was for His own benefit . His life on earth was completely lived for us . So you can say , He overcame the world , for us .

When Jesus gave warnings to the seven churches , in Revelations 2:26 it says , He who overcomes & keeps my works until the end , ( not just say I believe in Christ , but do His works ,

UNTILL THE END ) to him I will give power over the nations .

And in Revelations 3:5 Jesus says , he who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, & I , will not blot out his name from the Book of Life , but I , will confess his name before My Father & before His angels .

When Jesus left this earth, He told us He would intercede for us , before God the Father, & here He tells us , he who over comes & keeps His works , He will confess our name before the Father !

So if we are an overcomer , & if we have our faith & trust on the the One God Sent , & have Jesus Himself, interceding for us before the Father, confessing our names before the Father , we should be getting answers to our prayers .

And in Rev. 3:21 it says, To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on my throne, as I also overcame & sat down with My Father on His throne.”

So you can see the rewards for being an overcomer, we will have power over the nations, we will be clothed in white garments, (white garments always signified, purity , cleanliness, sinless).

Our names will be in the Book of Life, & Jesus will confess our names before God the Father & we will be able to sit with Him on his throne.

WOW, If we get to that place , we can probably say the same thing ,

that The Man On The middle cross said , It Is Finished , & yet as it says in the beloved hymn , when we are there ten thousand years, we will have no less days to sing Gods praise , than when we first begun !!

In Revelations 2:7 Jesus said , He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.” ’

In the Garden of Eden , Adam & Eve were not allowed to eat from the Tree of life that was in the center of the garden . But if we are an overcomer , & get to heaven, we will be able to eat from the Tree Of Life . The tree of the knowledge of good and evil .

And we know there are only two destinations for us , heaven or hell, and eternity is forever . We must be overcomers , we must have those white robes.

We must have our names in the Book of Life , and we must have our names confessed before the Father .

We can not be the ones that are knocking on the door after it is shut , & having Jesus tell us He does not know us . We can not afford to miss it by the slightest margin .

In Rev:21.7 It says , he who overcomes shall inherit all things, & I will be his God & he shall be my son , that is what each & everyone of us is striving for.

God to call us His son or daughter, knowing that if we are his

sons & daughters we will live with Him on high , for eternity .Forever & ever & ever , with no end .

If you think about it , we are all so blessed, In so many ways, yet I don't think there is one of us that doesn't have fears & anguish, pain & sorrows , at times , people in our life, that don't do as we wish .

But when we get to heaven , there won't be any tears , pains or sorrows , anguish, or fears . There will be perfect peace in every part of our lives, forever & ever .

So we must overcome as Jesus our Savior has overcome. He overcame, death it self , the grave could not hold Him , He is Alive !! And He did it for us !

So we must ask for wisdom, which He promised to give to all men . As James says , if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

But let him ask in faith, with no doubting . There is that faith again “ ask in faith with no doubting . So once again we need faith, for every thing we do in our walk with Christ.

Do we not all have worry & fear , in our trials ? Do we not all have dark pictures, even unbelief , at times ?

That is from the devil, that is what we need to overcome, didn't James say “ Resist the devil and he will flee from you.“ So we need to resist the devil to become an overcomer!

We need to have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the author & finisher of our faith . We need to Overcome our fears & unbelief , with the power of Jesus , because He has overcome the world .

John 11-25 Jesus said to Martha , after Lazarus's death , I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.

So I am going to ask everyone here , the same thing Jesus asked Martha , Do you believe this?” Do you believe, that Jesus is the Resurrection & The Life ? Do you believe He is the Son Of God , The One God sent ? The Messiah ?

Do you believe at the name of Jesus , every knee should bow ? Do you believe, He overcame Death , do you believe that HE iS ALIVE !!! Hopefully we all can, with a collective voice , say with a resounding voice . YES.

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