

The Overcomer

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Revelation 2:7 (NASB95) Ephesus

⁷ 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the Paradise of God.'

Revelation 2:11 (NASB95) Smyrna

¹¹ 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes will not be hurt by the second death.'

Revelation 2:17 (NASB95) Pergamum

¹⁷ 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give *some* of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it.'

Revelation 2:26 (NASB95) Thyatira

²⁶ 'He who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations;

Revelation 3:5 (NASB95) Sardis

⁵ 'He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

Revelation 3:12 (NASB95) Philadelphia

¹² 'He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write on him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God, and My new name.

Revelation 3:21 (NASB95) Laodicea

²¹ 'He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

Those who win eternal life are the victors! Therefore, losing is not an option. There is only one way to overcome, and that is through Jesus Christ!

Overcoming Sin.

Romans 5:6 (NASB95) ⁶ For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

- Losing to Sin
 - Those who commit sin are the servants of sin
 - Light has come into the world – men loved darkness instead of the light
 - Satan controls the sinner through the lust of the flesh
 - The danger of the hardened heart – the seared conscious

Matthew 1:21 (NASB95) ²¹ "You shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

Overcoming Self.

Luke 9:23 (NASB95) ²³ And He was saying to *them* all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.

Self is our greatest contender. Sometimes the hardest thing to do is to say "Yes Lord!"

- Selfishness / self-centeredness
- Strong-willed
- Pride – grace does not belong to the proud "God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble."
- Save life / lose life (teaching of Jesus)

Overcoming Trials

Trials – temptations – the storms of life – “Such are common unto man.”

Life in a sinful world is not easy. No Man can create utopia.

John 16:33 (NASB95) ³³ “These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.”

1 John 5:4–5 (NASB95) ⁴ For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵ Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Romans 8:37 (NASB95) ³⁷ But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.

1 Corinthians 15:57 (NASB95) ⁵⁷ but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Revelation 12:11 (NASB95) ¹¹ “And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.

- The martyrs of the tribulation
 - The blood of the martyrs, rather than signaling the triumph of Satan, shows instead that they have gained the victory over the dragon by their acceptance of Jesus’ Cross and their obedient suffering with him. (*Donald Burdick, the Expositors Bible Commentary*)

1 Peter 4:17–19 (NASB95)

¹⁷ For *it is* time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if *it begins* with us first, what *will be* the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸ And if it is with difficulty that the righteous is saved, what will become of the godless man and the sinner?

¹⁹ *Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.*

Overcoming the Second Death.

Revelation 21:7 (NASB95) The New Heaven and New Earth⁷ “He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God, and he will be My son.