

Unshakable Promises Part 2

John 16:33 Jesus tells His followers, ***“In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world”***

1 John 5:4-5 NIV ***For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.***

Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

Overcome means to conquer, to prevail, or gain victory.

We overcome the world when we do not conform to the standards of this world. But instead, we follow Christ as his disciples, living lives distinct from the world around us.

YOU MUST OVERCOME! Do not grow weary in your obedience and witness! Do not compromise with sin, lust and idolatry of your surrounding culture! Overcome!

Rom. 8:37 ***“In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us”***

We have great promises of conquering, overcoming and being victorious. And
God will always do his part, but we must make sure that we do our part.

Phil 2:12-13 ***continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose***

Rev. 12:11 we get a clue about how this overcoming takes place
“And 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”

James Hamilton: **In Revelation the saints conquer in the same way that Jesus conquered, through faithfulness even unto death.**

Prov. 1: 29-33 NKJV

“Because they hated knowledge And did not choose the fear of the Lord, They would have none of my counsel And despised my every rebuke.

Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way, And be filled to the full with their own fancies. For the turning away of the simple will slay them,

And the complacency of fools will destroy them; But whoever listens to me will dwell safely, And will be secure, without fear of evil.””

Quote: **The real danger of spiritual laziness is that we do not want to be stirred up -**

In Luke 18:8 Christ asked the question, “Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?”

Will He really find faith in us?

People went about their lives, giving no attention to God, being absorbed in the normal activities of life so that they failed to take God seriously, until the flood came.

Luke 18:1 “That men always ought to pray and not lose heart”

Prov. 1:24, 32 “Because I have called and you refused, I have stretched out my hand and no one regarded,

32 For the turning away of the simple will slay them, And the complacency of fools will destroy them;”

Luke 9:24 NLT “If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake you will save it”

Will Jesus find faith *in you* when he comes back?

Matthew 13:44-46 NIV

““The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.”