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OVERCOMERS

Present overcomers have their eyes on past overcomers.

- Apostle John: Love, Obedience, and Faith
- Joseph: Forgiveness
- Jonathan: Courage in uncertainty
- Jochebed: Teaching the truth

Of the 34 times the word “overcome” is used in the New Testament, it’s used 17 times in the book of Revelation.

Revelation 2:7 “To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the Paradise of God.”

| Church | Obstacle | Promise |
|--------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Ephesus | Lost their first love | Tree of life |
| Smyrna | Suffering and Poverty | No Second Death |
| Pergamum | False Teaching | White stone |
| Thyatira | Sexual Immorality | Morning star |
| Sardis | Spiritually Dead | Name in Book of Life |
| Philadelphia | Little Power | New Jerusalem |
| Laodicea | Lukewarm faith | Sit on Christ’s throne |

Revelation 22:2 “On either side of the river was the **tree of life**, bearing twelve kinds of fruit...”

Revelation 22:16 “I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright **morning star**.”

Present overcomers have their eyes on future overcomers.

1. The Antichrist will kill future believers.

- Powerful politically
- Influential in speech
- Worshipped by the nations
- Persecutor of Christians

Revelation 13:7 “It was also given to him to make war with the saints and to **overcome** them, and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him.”

2. Future believers will rejoice in their martyrdom.

Revelation 12:11-12 “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. For this reason, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them.”

Concluding Thoughts

Overcomers will someday see that their present actions had eternal ramifications.

Revelation 21:6-7 “Then He said to me, ‘It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost. He who **overcomes** will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son.’”

Your faith determines where you live eternally.
Your works determine how you live eternally.