

Possessing the Spirit of An Overcomer Part-3

The series we're in right now is called "Possessing the Spirit of An Overcomer." This is Part 3. **Rev. 12:10-11 NKJV & v. 11 note:**

"**They overcame him** by appropriating the victory of the finished work of Christ, by the public confession of their faith, and patient endurance, even in the face of martyrdom. The church's constant posture under the authority of the Cross's victory **by the blood of the Lamb** and steadfastness to the promise and authority of God's Word – **the word of their testimony** – is the key to their overcoming." **TPT note:** "It is the faithful testimony of Jesus that has the power to destroy the works of the devil." **Let's believe & testify to others re: Jesus!**

The Ekklesia's Legislative Authority

Jesus brought a revelation of the Kingdom of God to mankind, which includes legislative authority. This authority is spoken of in Matt. 16 and is reserved for those who rightly discern by Holy Spirit revelation who Jesus truly is. **Matt. 16:13-15 TPT** contains a most important question that we all must answer: "*But you – who do you say that I am? Jesus asked.*" *Simon Peter spoke up and said, "You are the Anointed One (or "the Christ" [Messiah]), the Son of the living God!"* **17.** *Jesus replied, "You are favored and privileged Simeon, son of Jonah! For you didn't discover this on your own, but My Father in heaven has supernaturally revealed it to you."* **The Father whispered to Peter Who Jesus was and he believed it!** Thus, we all must hear the revelation of Who Jesus truly is & **believe it** if we are to be born again from above.

V. 18 "*I give you the name Peter, a stone. And this rock will be the bedrock foundation on which I will build My church – My legislative assembly, and the power of death will not be able to overpower it!"*

It is Father God's revelation & Peter's confession that Jesus is the Son of God that becomes the foundational bedrock on which the church is built. **TPT note:** "The Gk. word for "church" is Ekklesia & means "legislative assembly" or "selected ones."

This is not a religious term at all, but a political & govern-mental term that is used many times in classical Greek for a group of people who have been summoned & gathered together to govern the affairs of a city. For Jesus to use this term means He is giving the keys of governmental authority in His kingdom to the church. And "*the gates of hell*" (or "*the power of death*") *will not be able to overpower it* (or "*all the forces of hell will never have the power to win a victory over it.*" "There is no power of darkness that can stop the advancing church that Jesus builds." The darker the night the brighter the Light (**Cuba**).

Matt. 16:19 TPT "*I will give you the **keys*** of heaven's kingdom realm to forbid on earth that which is forbidden in heaven, & to release on earth that which is released in heaven.*" **Or** "*That which you forbid on earth must be that which is already forbidden in heaven, and that which you permit on earth must be that which is already permitted in heaven.*" **SFLB note** agrees w/ the latter.

***Keys** are symbols of authority & ruling power. **Isa. 22:22 TPT** "*I will place upon his shoulders the key to the treasures of David's palace. He will open doors that no one can shut, and he will shut doors that no one can open.*" **This verse speaks of the keys of authority passing from Shebna, a man selfishly seeking promotion** - a type of our old, fallen Adam-life, to God's servant Eliakim, who represents Christ & His life within us (see **vv. 20-23**). Jesus has unlimited control, and He will open to us doors of favor, revelation, opportunity, treasure and much much more. No matter how much a person might strive to open it, when Christ closes a door, no amount of human effort can open it.

“Now You’re Thinking Like Me”

At January’s **Ebb & Flow** prophetic worship & prayer gathering, the night **before** the ice & snow storm impacted our nation, I lay on the floor during worship. I prayed silently that the Lord would part this storm over Tupelo like He parted the Red Sea for Moses. I heard the Lord say 5 words to me, **“Now you’re thinking like Me.”** So I rose at the end of the worship time. I was amazed to see the lack of ice, especially on the roads. Limbs broke, power lines came down, but people drove on dry roads for the most part! Then this week I heard that 3 other people prayed the same prayer for Tupelo. **Oxford & Corinth!**

Thinking Like God Like David Did

Psalm 16:7 TPT really spoke to my heart in devotions this week **after** the ice storm hit the South, including Tupelo. *“The way You counsel me makes me praise you more, for Your whispers in the night give me wisdom, showing me what to do next.”* **Let’s have faith & embrace God’s Word like David!**

V. 8. *“Because I set* you, Yahweh, always close to me, my confidence will never be weakened, for I experience your wraparound presence every moment.”* * **TPT note:** The Hebrew **shava** carries the sense of being equal or similar. David was not saying he was equal to Yahweh, **but that he thought the way God thought.** David had made his heart & mind to be identical with the heart and mind of God. **Always before himself,** before anything, were the desires of God. It was the heart and mind of God that had first place in David’s heart & thoughts.” **Let’s think like God as well! David did it. In Christ Jesus, so can we!**

Jesus Makes Us Overcomers

1 John 4:4 *“Little children, you can be certain that you belong to God and have conquered them [the antichrists who deny that Jesus is the Christ], for the One who is living in you is far greater than the one who is in the world.”* **TPT note:** “That is, the devil.

We have the Word of God, the Holy Spirit, the favor of God, and Jesus Christ. Within us is more than enough power to **overcome** the evil in this **world**(*kosmos* = this world's system or world order.)."

Embrace Truth & Experience True Freedom

The truth is most critical to understanding the Spirit of the overcomer. **John 8:31-32** Jesus said that **IF** we would "**embrace**" the truth, the truth would set us free. "*Then Jesus said to the Jews who believed Him, "When you continue to embrace all that I teach, you prove that you are my true followers. 32. For if you embrace the truth, it will release true freedom into your lives.*

So let's believe & embrace Jesus's words, and find the true freedom that only He can give to us. Let's "think like the Lord" in 2026 by the Spirit of His Word & overcome like never before!

[A major part of possessing the spirit of an overcomer is having the fullness of the Holy Spirit Who reveals to us wisdom and the mind of Christ. In **1 Cor. 2:9-16 AMPC** Apostle Paul explains how we must be filled with the Holy Spirit in order to understand the deep things and the ways of God. **V. 9.** The knowledge of God is more of a spiritual than an intellectual nature that our eyes and ears can sense or perceive; more spiritual than our reason and intellect (heart & mind) can know; and it's even beyond what personal and moral love and affinity for others can fathom. **V. 10.** The knowledge of the things of God requires a revelation of God by His Spirit, and it requires a corresponding spiritual response by a person (2:14-3:4).]