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The letters all follow a format that helps us understand what we can learn from them broadly for today...

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Let anyone who has ears to hear listen to what the Spirit says to the churches.

Revelation 2:7a, 2:11a, 2:17a, 2:29, 3:6, 3:13, 3:22 CSB



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...the word “overcome” (*nikaō*) is instructive, derived from the name of the Greek goddess of victory—Nike.

*Patterson, NAC: Revelation*

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“Overcoming” (especially a military or athletic image of conquest or victory) here involves persevering in the face of conflict and hardship

*Keener, IVP Bible Background Commentary: NT*

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I will give the right to eat from the tree of life,  
which is in the paradise of God.

Revelation 2:7b CSB

The one who overcomes  
will never be harmed by the second death.

Revelation 2:11 CSB

To the one who overcomes,

I will give some of the hidden manna.

I will also give him a white stone,

and on the stone a new name is inscribed  
that no one knows except the one who  
receives it.

Revelation 2:17 CSB

The one who overcomes and who keeps my works to the end:  
I will give him authority over the nations—  
and he will rule them with an iron scepter;  
he will shatter them like pottery—  
just as I have received this from my Father.  
I will also give him the morning star.

Revelation 2:26-28 CSB

In the same way, the one who overcomes  
will be dressed in white clothes,  
and I will never erase his name from the book of life  
but will acknowledge his name before my Father  
and before his angels.

Revelation 3:5-6 CSB

The one who overcomes

I will make a pillar in the temple of my God,  
and he will never go out again.

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 3:12-13 CSB

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I will give the right to sit with me on my throne,  
just as I also overcame  
and sat down with my Father on his throne.

Revelation 3:21-22 CSB

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As many as I love, I rebuke and discipline. So be zealous and repent. See! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

Revelation 3:19-20 CSB

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# **Love God and Each Other So Others Do Likewise**

**Scripture Believing**

**Doctrine Defending**

**Passionately Worshipping**

**Generously Stewarding**

**Ceaselessly Praying**

**Gospel Sharing**

**Humbly Serving**

**Kingdom Advancing**

**Christ's Image Bearing**



Indeed, an hour is coming, and has come, when each of you will be scattered to his own home, and you will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me. I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. You will have suffering in this world. Be courageous! I have overcome the world.”

John 16:32-33 CSB

