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Overcome Pt 2 Christians have overcome the world through Christ

This is our second teaching on the word “overcome” in the scriptures. In our previous study we established a meaning of the word, and three points- (1) a woman’s eyes can overcome a man and prevail against him, (2) strong drink can overcome a man, and (3) a stronger person overcomes another and divides the spoil. In this study we establish an additional three points – (1) In the world we have tribulation, but be of good cheer the Lord Jesus has overcome the world, (2) The Lord Jesus overcame, had victory over Satan, and (3) due to Christ’s resurrection – death has no more dominion over Him – he has overcome the grave,

Our three points established from the scriptures –

1. In the world we have tribulation, but be of good cheer the Lord Jesus has overcome the world

“These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world” (Jn.16:33)

2. The Lord Jesus overcame, had victory over Satan.

“And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season” (Lk.4: 13).

3. Due to Christ’s resurrection – death has no more dominion over him– He has overcome the grave.

“Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him” (Rom.6: 9).

Illustration

If I had to sell Christianity to the heathen, I would focus the pitch on our victory over death. I would highlight a Christian overcomes the world, the devil, and death. But most sales are effected by –the sales person’s ability to overcome the buyer’s objections to them ordering their product or service. Whereas, the preacher preaches the gospel and allows the Holy Spirit to convict the heathen of their sin and gives them space to know in their heart that they have broken God’s law, and that they need Christ and to call on His name.

Question to think about.

How can we have victory over death and sin, and have overcome the world and our enemy, yet on our journey we continue to sin and encounter Satan, and then die?

Answer from the scriptures

1. We have **overcome** the world because even though we go through tribulation we have peace with God, because we are justified by faith ((Rom.5: 1)– the faith of Christ (Gal.2: 20

2. We have been given all we need to **overcome** the devil today – in the perfect, pure word of God– the sword of the Spirit, we just need to use it when we are attacked.

3. We die daily to sin, and will **overcome** death because death has no dominion over a believer– as we will pass from life into death, into eternal life, and will have no part in the second death– Rev.2: 11, c.f. – Rev.20: 6– “Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power”.

May we know that through Christ we have overcome the world, sin and, we will overcome death– and go from death to life eternal, and so let us live each moment with the knowledge of that truth – through His faith, the Holy Spirit and His word!