

**GENERAL SUBJECT:  
THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE OVERCOMERS  
AS THE DISPENSATIONAL INSTRUMENT TO TURN THE AGE**

Message One

**Knowing the Overcoming Christ**

Scripture Reading: Rev. 12:10-11; 11:15; John 16:33; Rev. 3:21; 5:5; 17:14; 19:7

- I. God wants to end this age and bring in the age of the kingdom; for this great dispensational move, God must have the overcomers as His dispensational instrument—Rev. 12:10-11; 11:15.**
- II. Through their experience and enjoyment of Christ, the overcomers have an experiential knowledge of the overcoming Christ—3:21; 5:5-6.**
- III. In the writings of the apostle John, we have a revelation of the overcoming Christ—John 16:33; Rev. 3:21; 5:5; 17:14:**
  - A. “These things I have spoken to you that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have affliction, but take courage; I have overcome the world”—John 16:33:
    1. In this verse *the world* refers to the physical realm, and *Me* refers to the divine and mystical realm of the pneumatic Christ.
    2. Through faith and baptism we have entered into an organic union with the overcoming Christ—John 3:15; Rom. 6:3-5; Gal. 3:27.
    3. “Everything that has been begotten of God overcomes the world”—1 John 5:4a; John 3:6:
      - a. The regenerated spirit of the regenerated believer overcomes the world.
      - b. The believer’s divine birth with the divine life is the basic factor for such a victorious living—1 John 2:29; 3:9; 4:7; 5:1, 4, 18.
    4. “This is the victory which has overcome the world—our faith”—5:4b:
      - a. The regenerated believers have the capacity of the divine life to overcome the world, the powerful satanic world system—2:15.
      - b. Our faith brings us into the organic union with the Triune God and believes that Jesus is the Son of God so that we may be begotten of God and have the divine life, by which we are enabled to overcome the Satan-organized-and-usurped world—5:4b.
    5. “Who is he who overcomes the world except him who believes that Jesus is the Son of God”—v. 5:
      - a. Such a believer is one who has been begotten of God and has received the divine life—John 1:12-13; 3:16.
      - b. The divine life empowers the believer to overcome the evil world energized by Satan.

- B. “Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome”—Rev. 5:5:
1. The lion is a symbol of Christ, portraying Him as a strong fighter against the enemy, as prophesied in Genesis 49:8-9.
  2. As the Lion of the tribe of Judah, Christ overcame and defeated the rebellious Satan, the enemy of God, and as the redeeming Lamb, He took away the sin of fallen man, thereby removing the hindrances to the fulfillment of God’s eternal purpose—Rev. 5:5-6; Eph. 1:9, 11; 3:11.
- C. “He who overcomes, to him I will give to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat with My Father on His throne”—Rev. 3:21:
1. Here to overcome is to overcome the lukewarmness and pride of the degraded recovered church, to pay the price to buy the needed items, and to open the door so that the Lord can come in—vv. 15-16, 18-20.
  2. To sit with the Lord on His throne will be a prize to the overcomer, that he may participate in the Lord’s authority and be a co-king with Him in ruling over the earth in the coming kingdom—v. 21.
- D. “These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and they who are with Him, the called and chosen and faithful, will also overcome them”—17:14:
1. Christ will come as a fighting General with the overcoming believers as His army to fight against Antichrist and the kings under him with their armies at Armageddon—19:11-21.
  2. In 17:14 *chosen* is mentioned after *called*; to be called is to be saved, whereas to be chosen is to be approved by the Lord by virtue of an overcoming life—Matt. 22:14.

**IV. The overcomers are produced by the overcoming Christ as the sevenfold intensified Spirit, and they are burdened for the building up of the Body of Christ as the preparation of the bride of Christ—Eph. 4:16; Rev. 5:6; 19:7-9.**