

Message Two

Conquering the Satanic Chaos and Being Victorious Over the Attack of Death

Scripture Reading: Rev. 2:8-11; Matt. 16:18; Acts 2:24; Phil. 3:10-11

- I. The overcomers conquer the satanic chaos in the old creation and carry out the divine economy for the new creation—1 Tim. 1:4; Eph.1:10; 3:10; 2 Cor.5:17; Gal.6:15:**
 - A. Satan, the devil, is the source and element of the evil chaos—Matt. 16:23; Rev. 2:9-10; 2 Cor. 2:11; 1 Pet. 5:8
 - B. God is the divine economy, and He has come into us as an administration, arrangement, and plan to put everything in order—Eph. 1:10; 3:10.
 - C. In the Bible and in our experience, the satanic chaos always goes along with the divine economy.
 - D. The overcomers are not delivered out of the satanic chaos; instead, they conquer the destructive satanic chaos and triumph in the constructive divine economy—1 Tim. 1:3-4, 19-20; 4:1-2; Titus 3:10; 2 Tim. 1:15; 2:17-18; 4:8
 1. The overcomers suffer the chaos, but instead of being disappointed or discouraged, they are strengthened and enabled to stand for and live out the divine economy—vv. 10, 14-18; 2:15.
 2. The overcomers conquer the chaos by the processed and consummated Triune God as the all-sufficient grace—1:9; 4:22.
- II. The overcomers are victorious over the attack of death—Rev. 2:8-11; Matt. 16:18; Heb. 2:14-15; 2 Cor. 1:9; Phil. 3:10-11:**
 - A. Matthew 16:18 shows us from what source the attack upon the church will come—"the gates of Hades," that is, of death:
 1. Satan's special object today is to spread death within the church.
 2. Satan's greatest fear with regard to the church is her resistance to his power of death.
 - B. The church is an entity absolutely in resurrection—1 Pet. 1:3; Eph. 2:6:
 1. The church is a new creation created in Christ's resurrection and by the resurrected Christ; therefore, the church is "resurrectionly"—Gal. 6:15.
 2. "God sees the church as a being that can endure death" (Watchman Nee).
 - C. If we would overcome the attack of death, we need to know Christ in a particular way:
 1. We need to know Christ as the First and the Last—the ever-existing, unchanging One—Rev. 2:8.
 2. We need to know Christ as the One who became dead and lived again—as the One who is resurrection—v. 8; 1:18; John 11:25; Acts 2:24
 - D. The overcomers are faithful unto death and will not be hurt the second death—Rev. 2:10b, 11b; 12:11.

- E. To those who overcome the attack of death Christ will give the crown of life—2:10b:
1. The crown of life denotes the overcoming strength that is the power of the resurrection life—Phil. 3:10.
 2. The crown of life signifies that those who overcome the attack of death have attained to the out-resurrection from the dead—v. 11.