Revelation 2-3 • He Who Overcomes

1. (Jn. 16:33) The biblical definition of an “overcomer” is someone who successfully **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and has **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** over the world; the “overtaken” are themselves **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** by the world.
2. (Rev. 5:4-5) Christ Himself is the ultimate **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** of what it means to be an “overcomer”.
3. (1 Jn. 5:4-5) A born again “believer” is proven by their **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**; it is not enough to simply **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** Christ but to live in obedience to His Word.
4. (Rom. 12:21) An “overcomer” is not simply passively resisting the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** personally, but is actually overcoming the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** by their **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** of others.
5. (1 Jn. 2:13-14) An overcomer is not a part-time or casual **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** with Christ, but takes up permanent **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** with Him because “apart from Me you can do nothing”.
6. (1 Jn. 4:1-6) An overcomer does not accept things at face value, but **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** all things to validate who is **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** according to “the spirit of truth and the spirit of error”.
7. (2 Pe. 2:17-21) The “overtaken” are not those who never came to **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** in Christ, but temporarily came out of the world only to return to and become **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to it once again.

***Summary to This Point***: The foundational understanding of what it means to “overcome” given in the NT prior to Revelation:

* It is the spiritual \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ encompassing all the complimentary elements of the world-system’s values and behavior.
* It is the biblical **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to evil by choosing to do biblical good.
* It is not just **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** the antics and tactics of Satan, but his working through false christs, false prophets, false teachers and their associated works of deception.
* The only antidote is to become **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to Christ by putting His Word and ways into practice and abiding in Him alone.

***Part II: The Promises to Overcomers***

1. (Rev. 21:7-8) The book of Revelation is itself summarized with a plain explanation of the ultimate **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** for those who overcome versus those who are “overtaken”.
2. (Rev. 2:7—Ephesus) Overcomers are faithful and consistent to the end so as to experience the eternal **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** of their **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.
3. (Rev. 2:11—Smyrna) Overcomers can endure even the worst **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** circumstances because their gaze is fixed on **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.
4. (Rev. 2:17—Pergamum) Overcomers are sustained by God’s **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and their exclusive devotion to **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** alone.
5. (Rev. 2:26-28—Thyatira) Overcomers effectively deal with the personal issues of **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.
6. (Rev. 3:5—Sardis) Overcomers make the necessary **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** while there is still the opportunity to do so.
7. (Rev. 3:12—Philadelphia) Overcomers recognize that everything accomplished for the Kingdom of Christ is rooted in **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, even the seasons of **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**in this life.
8. (Rev. 3:21—Laodicea) Overcomers ensure that it is Christ alone who is always and exclusively **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** upon the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** of their life.

***Overall Application (Mt. 7:21-23):***

The chief characteristic of an “overcomer” is **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** in this life to God’s Word and ways in order to achieve all the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** of the life to come.