

What Is an Overcomer?

Overcomers is a catch-cry heard in many church organisations, but the title is not well understood.

Our King said to John that overcomers would not be hurt by the Second Death¹ and would eat from the tree of life². They would also be clothed in white garments³, eat from the hidden manna and get a white stone with their name on it⁴. He said he would not blot out their names from the Book of Life and that he would confess them before Father and the angels.⁵

This sounds fantastic, but how does one become an overcomer?

Paul describes an overcomer as one who overcomes evil with good.⁶ John describes an overcomer as one who has overcome the world,⁷ the devil,⁸ evil spirits, Antichrist spirits and false prophets⁹. Peter infers that they are those who have escaped the pollution of the world¹⁰ and corruption¹¹. This is strong stuff.

Many, however, only look at the reference that states that overcomers are those who believe Jesus is the Son of God.¹² This is short-sighted – even the demons believe that¹³.

Here's an excellent description of an overcomer which really describes them as I would a Kingdom son.

An Overcomer is primarily a forgiver; one who lives the principle of the Jubilee. He has allowed the work of Passover (the Cross) and the work of Pentecost (the law written on one's heart) to do their work. An Overcomer is one who is growing up into Christ, one who is coming into a state of maturity in Him. An Overcomer is putting on His Father's mind and is coming to agree with what God does in the earth and how He accomplishes those goals. He is learning to say "Amen" to all that God does, bearing witness to Him in all things, and not disagreeing with Him. An Overcomer is one who is coming to understand the Father and His ways.

We are, as yet, only potential Overcomers. We can aspire to this end with our whole heart, but we are not yet perfected, for we are yet in the wilderness, stumbling in the dim light of Pentecost. We have no sense yet that we are "nearly perfected." Instead, we cry out to God for mercy, knowing the total inadequacy of any personal righteousness or ability to hear His voice as we should. We desire the authority of God only as a tool to better serve others, to have a greater ability to bring the blessings of God to the needy in the world. It is not authority we seek, but responsibility. The authority He gives is only a means to an end.

Reputation means nothing to us, for we have found that this is the first pot of pride that God must remove in order to teach us to serve God first. While men may rationalize their need for reputation on the grounds that it is the only way God can spread the Gospel to the masses, God teaches the Overcomers that they cannot take themselves so seriously. As they learn this, they come to understand that being obedient is more important than doing good.

Overcomers must learn, first and foremost, a total dependence upon God. They must truly know in their hearts that God is God and does not really need us at all to do His work. Yet they must also truly

1 – Revelation 2:11

2 – Revelation 2:7

3 – Revelation 3:5

4 – Revelation 2:17

5 – Revelation 3:5

6 – Romans 12:21

7 – 1 John 5:4

8 – 1 John 2:13

9 – 1 John 4:1-4

10 – 2 Peter 2:20

11 – 2 Peter 2:19

12 – 1 John 5:5

13 – James 2:19

know the magnificent but humbling truth that God does indeed intend to use us to manifest His glory and His works to others.

Whether in ignorance or in understanding, an Overcomer is one who is dissatisfied with the realm of Pentecost and desires to go all the way into the realm of Tabernacles. He must leave the good to obtain the best. He searches the Word, not simply for a knowledge of it, but to become the Word, for it is in so being that he fully reflects the character of his heavenly Father.¹⁴

Great, isn't it. Food for thought, though.

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