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TO HIM WHO OVERCOMES

Revelation 2

7 *“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. **To him who overcomes** I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.”*

11 *“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. **He who overcomes** shall not be hurt by the second death.”*

17 *“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. **To him who overcomes** I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it.”*

26 *And **he who overcomes**, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations—*

Revelation 3

5 ***He who overcomes** shall be clothed in white garments, and **I will not blot out his name** from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.*

12 ***He who overcomes**, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name.*

21 ***To him who overcomes** I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.*

Revelation 21

6 *And He said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. 7 **He who overcomes** shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. 8 But the **cowardly, unbelieving**, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”*

In Christ’s letters to the seven churches He set forth rewards for, “Him who overcomes”. We are called to overcome! If we are called to overcome, we need to understand that there is something or someone that is resisting or opposing us. We are positioned in a situation of conflict. We are being opposed by forces of resistance that need to be overcome. We are in a war to overcome on three battle fronts. We are opposed by our flesh, (sinful nature) the world, (fallen under the rule of darkness) and Satan with his demonic forces. We cannot be passive! We must become engaged in the struggle in order to overcome. You can not win in this battle if you are not prepared to fight. You must enter the war in order to overcome. We cannot be at

ease.

Amos 6:1

1 Woe to you who are at ease in Zion,

Psalm 123:4

4 Our soul is exceedingly filled

With the scorn of those who are at ease,

With the contempt of the proud.

Luke 12:19-20

19 And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry." 20 But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?'

Luke 6:24-26

24 " But woe to you who are rich,

For you have received your consolation.

25 Woe to you who are full,

For you shall hunger.

Woe to you who laugh now,

For you shall mourn and weep.

26 Woe to you when all men speak well of you,

For so did their fathers to the false prophets.

We are called by God to overcome. We are called of God to equip ourselves and enter into a spiritual conflict for the souls of men. There is a spiritual battle raging in the heavenlies for our soul and the souls of all those we love. Woe to those who are fearful and unbelieving, who refuse to see the conflict and enter the battle. Woe to those who are at ease and refuse to even acknowledge the conflict. They sit at ease in comfortable church pews and persecute those who challenge them to wake up to the battle.

We are called to overcome on three battle fronts:

- 1. - The Flesh**
- 2. - The World**
- 3. - Satan and his kingdom of demonic hosts**

THE FLESH (sinful nature)

Galatians 5:16-21

16 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things

that you wish. 18 *But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law*

19 *Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: **adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.***

Romans 8:13

13 *For **if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.***

Galatians 5:24

24 *And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its **passions and desires.***

Galatians 2:20

20 *I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and **the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.***

Romans 12:21

21 *Do not be overcome by evil, but **overcome evil with good.***

THE WORLD

James 4:4-5

4 *Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that **friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.** 5 Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us **yearns jealously**"?*

Exodus 34:14

14 *(for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God),*

World - Kosmos: In the sense of the present world-system, the ethically bad sense of the word, refers to the "order," "arrangement," under which Satan has organized the world of unbelieving mankind upon his cosmic principles of force, greed, selfishness, ambition, and pleasure. Matthew 4:8,9; John 12:31; 14:30; 18:36; Ephesians 2:2; 6:12; 1 John 2:15-17. This world- system is imposing and powerful with armies and fleets; is often outwardly religious, scientific, cultured, and elegant; but, seething with national and commercial rivalries and ambitions, is upheld in any real crisis only by armed force, and is dominated by Satanic principles.

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1 John 2:15-17

15 ***Do not love the world or the things in the world.** If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the **lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life**—is not of the Father but **is of the world.** 17 And the world is passing away, **and the lust of it;** but he who does the will of God*

abides forever.

Colossians 2:8

*8 Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to **the basic principles of the world**, and not according to Christ.*

John 17:14-16

*14 I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because **they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world**. 15 **I do not pray that You should take them out of the world**, but that You should keep them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.*

James 1:27

*27 Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to **keep oneself unspotted from the world**.*

John 16:33

*33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. **In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.***"

1 John 5:4

*4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world - **our faith**.*

SATAN AND HIS KINGDOM OF DEMONIC HOSTS

Ephesians 6:10-13

*10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armour of God, **that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil**. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*

1 Peter 5:8-9

*8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast **in the faith**, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.*

Resist him, steadfast in the faith.

We are in a conflict. We are in a war. The secret to overcoming in this giant battle is faith. We are to conduct this warfare from a position of victory in the faith. Positioned in Christ as a new creation positions us in the one who has overcome and it is from this position that we are called to enforce the victory. We walk in the Spirit and by walking in the Spirit, we walk in the victory of the Spirit of Christ

over the flesh, the world and the devil. The warfare that is required to overcome, is conducted from a position of victory in Christ. By choosing Christ in and through every conflict we choose the victory. He has overcome. We enforce His victory by our agreement expressed by our faith alignment with it. We reign and rule, live the victory, with Him from our position in Him.

Ephesians 1:3

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

Ephesians 1:20-21

*20 which He worked in Christ when **He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand** in the heavenly places, 21 far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.*

Ephesians 2:6

6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

Christ has overcome and we are raised and seated with Him in His victory. It is by submission to Him, walking in the Spirit, that our alignment and agreement with Him is expressed and His victory becomes ours. We are one with the One who has overcome, the flesh, the world and the devil.

Christ has overcome the war on all three battle fronts:

THE FLESH

Hebrews 4:15

*15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, **yet without sin.***

Hebrews 2:18

*18 For in that He Himself has suffered, **being tempted,** He is able to aid those who are tempted.*

1 Corinthians 10:13

*13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, **but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.***

The World

John 8:23

*23 And He said to them, "You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; **I am not of this world.***

1 John 5:4

4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

John 14:30

30 I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.

THE DEVIL

1 John 3:8

8 He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

Colossians 2:15

*15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, **triumphing over them** in it.*

It is by Christ's victory that we are empowered to overcome as He has overcome. It is both positional and transitional for us. The victory is positional (Christ's part) and transitional (our part) through an ongoing walk of obedience to the Spirit of Christ. Our alignment with the victory is by faith. This faith is expressed, revealed or made manifest, by our obedience to the Spirit of Christ. This walk of obedience, our daily cross, moves us from victory to victory and changes us into the image of Christ. The process of being changed moves us to, by degree, allow Him to live out His victory over the three battle fronts through us. The ongoing battle becomes for us the crucible that forges us into His image. As we enter the conflict through obedience, walking in the Spirit, we are given to fellowship with the ministry of Christ. The ministry of Christ is the sufferings of Christ for the winning of souls. It is our willingness to deny self and take up our cross, that moves us into fellowship with the sufferings of Christ. It is in being joined with Him in fellowship with His sufferings for souls, that we are made one with Christ experientially. It is not just theoretical. It is a real conflict and it is in being joined with Him in this conflict that we become partakers of both His sufferings and His victory.

2 Corinthians 1:7

*7 And our hope for you is steadfast, because we know that as you are **partakers of the sufferings**, so also you will partake of the consolation. (The reward)*

Romans 6:8

*8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also **live with Him**,*

2 Timothy 2:12

12 If we endure,

We shall also reign with Him.

If we deny Him,

He also will deny us.

We reign with Him and partake of His victory as we partake of His cross. Through obedience to the Spirit we become joined with Christ in the conflict, the war and the outcome of the war, His victory. We are called into a warfare that by process raises us up to reign with Christ, in Christ. It is our position, made manifest by works of living faith that reveal us as the victors. It is this experiential walking out of our position in Christ, with Christ, that facilitates our growth into His image. The conflict progressively puts to death in us, our flesh, the world and the devil. As we win on all three fronts we change. We grow into Him, the victor. By step, by degree, we bring the opposition on all three battle fronts under foot. Through conflict we die to our position in the flesh, the world and the demonic. We die to all three. We die daily to rise daily to reign with Christ in Christ. The old man is replaced with the new. We take off the flesh, the world, and the devil and we put on Christ. We grow, we mature into the fulness of the stature of Christ Himself and as we put on Christ we put on His victory. We rise to rule and reign in Him, with Him by sharing in Him and His victory.

To Him That Overcomes:

*I will give to eat from the tree of life,
Shall not be hurt by the second death
I will give some of the hidden manna to eat.
I will give him a white stone,
Power over the nations
I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God,
I will write on him My new name.
shall be clothed in white garments,
I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.
I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life
I will grant to sit with Me on My throne,
I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely
Shall inherit all things,*

Ephesians 4:13

*13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the **knowledge** of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;*

Knowledge - epignosis - full discernment, fully knowing. *It is the knowing of someone fully, full seeing, a full understanding gained through an intimate relationship.*

Hebrews 10:12-14

*12 But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, 13 from that time waiting **till His enemies are made His footstool**. 14 For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.*

Colossians 3:1

*1 **If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.***

Hebrews 1:13

13 But to which of the angels has He ever said:

“ Sit at My right hand,

Till I make Your enemies Your footstool”?

Sit at His right hand. Sit in the seat of authority in Him. Do not move or be moved. Look only to Him and as you stay in this abiding place. He will rise through you to subdue your enemies. What and who are your enemies? Your enemies are your flesh, the world and the devil. It is on all three fronts that you are called, chosen and predestined to overcome. You are called to wear a crown; it is the crown of life. It is the crown of victory over death and the grave. It is the victors crown and it goes TO HIM WHO OVERCOMES!