

PROMISES FOR THE OVERCOMER

There are rewards promised to the one who “overcomes”. The word “overcome” in the Greek means “to subdue, to conquer, prevail, get the victory”.

Jesus is the greatest example of an “overcomer”. He said “These things have I spoken unto you, that in Me, ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world”; John 16:33.

These Attributes Describe The Overcomer:

1. An overcomer is a believer who remains constant in his victory over sin, the world, and satan, even though he is surrounded by opposition and apostasy; Romans 12:21.
2. An overcomer endures to the finish, hears and responds to what the Spirit is saying to the Church, and accepts only God’s standard as revealed in His Word; Matthew 10:22.
3. The scriptures tell us that everyone who is born of God overcomes the world by their faith; they believe that Jesus is the Son of God; 1 John 5:4-5.
4. The Holy Spirit empowers them to overcome in life; Matt. 3:11; Acts 8:15-17; 19:2-6.
5. They gain the victory over the influence of worldly things described in 1 John 2:15-16:
 - a. the lust of the flesh – realm of sensual gratification, impure desires, sinful pleasures; 2 Timothy 3:4
 - b. the lust of the eyes – materialism, the love of money, covetousness; 1 Tim. 6:10
 - c. the pride of life – arrogance, self-sufficiency, position, popularity; Luke 11:43
6. They overcome the accuser of the brethren (satan); Revelation 12:11:
 - a. by the Blood of the Lamb; Hebrews 12:24; 1 Peter 1:18-19
 - b. by the word of their testimony; Isaiah 55:11; Hebrews 4:12-14
 - c. by loving not their lives unto the death; Luke 17:33; 2 Timothy 4:6-8
7. They overcome the deception of false doctrine by studying the Word of God, which contains true doctrine. They pay a price for the knowledge of the truth, by searching the scriptures as the Bereans did; Acts 17:10-11; 2 Timothy 2:15.
8. They overcome the works of the flesh by walking in love, by the spirit, and bringing every thought captive to the obedience of Christ; 2 Corinthians 10:5; Galatians 5:16-21.
9. They overcome by forgiving themselves and others; Mark 11:25-26.
10. They overcome through adversity, persecution and afflictions by keeping their eyes fixed on Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith; Hebrews 4:15; 5:9; 12:22.

The Seven Churches In The Book Of Revelation Had To Overcome Some Obstacles:

These seven churches existed at the time of John’s writing, but the messages given to all seven churches are still valid for those who live on the earth today. Some individuals within the assemblies were true believers, and some were not. The messages given to each of the churches reveal the strengths, the compromise, the instructions, the warnings and the promises given to those within the assemblies who overcome; Revelation 21:7.

1. The Church At Ephesus; Revelation 2:1-7:

Strengths: good works; patience; didn’t tolerate the wicked or false apostles; endurance

Compromise: abandoned their first love; works mentality

Instruction: repent; do your first works; be restored to God and your first love

Warning: Jesus would remove their lampstand (church, authority, light) from its place

Promise: the right to eat from the Tree of Life in the Paradise of God

2. The Church At Smyrna, Revelation 2:8-11:

Strengths: good works; endured suffering and poverty but were spiritually rich

Compromise: influence of a sect which professed Judaism, but blasphemed God

Instruction: don't be afraid of suffering; remain faithful in prison, persecution and death

Warning: none

Promise: will be given the Crown of Life; will not be hurt by the Second Death

3. The Church At Pergamos, Revelation 2:12-17:

Strengths: good works, held fast to Christ; didn't deny faith when going through trials

Compromise: tolerated doctrines of Balaam and Nicolaitanes; idolatry; fornication

Instruction: repent

Warning: Jesus would fight against them with the sword of His mouth

Promise: will be given Hidden Manna; given a White Stone with a new name on it

4. The Church At Thyatira, Revelation 2:18-29:

Strengths: increasing good works; charity; service; faith; patience

Compromise: tolerated false teaching of Jezebel; fornication; seduction; idolatry

Instruction: repent; those who aren't deceived hold on to what you have until Jesus comes

Warning: would be cast into bed of sickness; suffer tribulation; followers would die

Promise: Power (rule) over nations; would crush all resistance; given the Morning Star

5. The Church At Sardis, Revelation 3:1-6:

Strengths: some keep themselves pure

Compromise: reputation for being alive but is dead; deeds are unfinished

Instruction: be watchful, remember your teaching; hold fast to what you have; repent

Warning: Jesus will come like a thief and they will not know when He comes

Promise: will be clothed in White Raiment; name not blotted out of the Book of Life

6. The Church At Philadelphia, Revelation 3:7-13:

Strengths: good works; endurance; has kept His word; obedient; has not denied His name

Compromise: none; they have an "open door" that no man can shut

Instruction: hold fast onto your faith; let no one take your crown

Warning: none

Promise: will be kept from the hour of trial; will be made a Pillar in God's temple; He will write on them New Names

7. The Church At Laodicea, Revelation 3:14-22:

Strengths: none

Compromise: lukewarm; proud and self-satisfied; ignorant of their true state: wretched, miserable, poor, blind, naked

Instruction: repent; buy gold tried in fire; buy white raiment; anoint your eyes with eyesalve; be zealous to save your souls

Warning: if you don't repent, you will be spit out of His mouth

Promise: if you hear His voice and open the door to Him, He will come in and sup with you; those who overcome, will sit with Him in His throne

