



The Overcomers

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Many believers have wrong concepts of being overcomers. They think that overpowering others or winning at all cost even if it involves the use of rudeness, manipulation and deception is overcoming. They are wrong.

Writing to the Corinthians Paul reveal the nature of spiritual battles to which the believer is called to be an overcomer - "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: **4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)** **5** Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; **6** And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled" (2 Corinthians 10:3-6).

Our text reveal that being overcomers is linked to:

- 1) Our being children of God and
- 2) Having in us God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit whose power is greater than "he that is in the world" - referring to Satan and all his demons.

Victory over Satan / demons and their wiles is not a matter of physical prowess but Spiritual. It involves the possession of the anointing that breaks their jokes.

Their weapons of warfare begins with thoughts and ideas sown into our minds through which strongholds (i.e. thought patterns that consolidates into behaviours / character) develop that eventually manifest in a way of living that deviates (even if it is slightly) from that required by God for believers.

So being overcomers begin with:

- 1) Rejecting every thought or idea that run contrary to God's word.

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- 2) Pulling down every stronghold generated through these thoughts that have been built in our lives.
- 3) Casting down imaginations planted by satan in our minds.
- 4) Casting down every high thing (e.g. pride, exalted view of ourselves, etc.) that exalt itself against the knowledge of God
- 5) Bringing into captive every thought to the obedience of Christ
- 6) Fulfilling our obedience in Christ

A person who satisfies the above is a true overcomer, who is following in the steps of Jesus Christ - "Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led **captivity captive**, and gave gifts unto men." (Ephesians 4:8).

True victory is not merely by words of mouth, but it is founded on a life that is fully yielded to God and lives in conformity to His word. It is the output of a life that is dead to the world thus allowing Christ to live through him/her. "But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid. **18** For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. **19** For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God. **20** I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. **21** I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness [come] by the law, then Christ is dead in vain" (Galatians 2:17-21).

The divine challenge for this end times is for true overcomers, who can say like Jesus Christ "... the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me" (John 14:30). Where do you stand?