



# Overcomers Of The World

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To many in the world today, the word overcoming conveys the meaning of:

- 1) Overpowering others by physical force
- 2) Outmanoeuvring others through skills
- 3) Defeating others by any means including the use of deception, lies and craftiness
- 4) Outperforming others by mental powers
- 5) Winning a debate by verbal skills
- 6) Superseding others by financial prowess
- 7) Winning in a race or competition.
- 8) Getting ones way by rudeness / manipulation

Our text teaches us that true, real and lasting overcomers is by faith in Christ Jesus. Writing to the Corinthians Paul reveal the nature of spiritual battles to which we are called to overcome - “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 the target of our overcoming is the world, which is the wicked system that is against the word of God, and our means of overcoming is linked to:

- 1) Being born of God - believing that Jesus is the Son of God.
- 2) Our faith in God.

Victory over Satan / demons and their wiles is not a matter of physical prowess but Spiritual. It

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involves the possession of the anointing that breaks satanic 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.
- 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. 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 (Galatians 2:17-21).

In times like these the world needs 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?