



WEEKLY CHRISTIAN FOCUS

AMAZING PROMISES FROM JESUS CHRIST ABOUT OVERCOMING IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION!

WARM GREETINGS!

Many people love the Book of Revelation, although it is still surely a mystery to many of us, but some of which we can understand. The book is divided up; I would say into three parts, and perhaps more on that in a future edition, God willing.

Also the first few chapters, that is chapters one to three inclusive, contain deep messages to the seven 'churches' in Asia Minor, at the time of the Apostle John writing, for it was he who wrote down all that Jesus (the Son of Man in the book) or various Angels, or the Spirit showed him for this book.

These messages to the seven churches are very well known by most of us, and they receive a lot of comment and sermons and expounding of their texts by Pastors and teachers of the Christian faith.

We can apply these messages to ourselves and also to our 'church' if we have one, but I think especially for ourselves. All but one of these seven messages have some form of correction or exhortation from the Son of Man to do better in some or more aspects, they also contain encouragement and positive words. Only one church receives a completely positive message, which is the Church of Philadelphia in chapter 3 verses 7 to 13.

BUT there is one other hugely important 'thing' also, which is mixed in at the end of each of these seven messages and that is where

Jesus puts down a tremendous promise to each church! I have always been fascinated by these promises. Not only fascinated, but truly thrilled and encouraged and challenged by each of these seven promises! These promises all have the words 'he that overcomes' or 'to him that overcomes'

I believe if you look at these promises and apply them to yourself, and turn away from the sins of six of these seven churches, you are going to be mind-boggled and supremely happy for the rest of your life, as I hope I will also be!

The Bible says God has given us: 'exceeding great and precious promises.' The Apostle Peter says it:

2 Peter 1:4

Whereby are given unto us **exceeding great and precious promises**: that by these (promises) ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

So let's look at the 'overcoming' promises. First I will write the name of the church and then below you will see the reference and the promise for each one in scriptural order.

1. **The Church of Ephesus** **Revelation 2:7**

He that hath an ear, let him

hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that **overcometh** will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

2. **The Church of Smyrna** **Revelation 2:11**

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that **overcometh** shall not be hurt of the second death.

3. **The Church of Pergamos** **Revelation 2:17**

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that **overcometh** will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

4. **The Church of Thyatira** **Revelation 2:26**

And he that **overcometh**, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as



I received of my Father.

28 And I will give him the morning star.

5. **The Church of Sardis**
Revelation 3:5

He that **overcometh**, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

6. **The Church of Philadelphia**
Revelation 3:12

Him that **overcometh** will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

7. **The Church of the Laodiceans**
Revelation 3:21

To him that **overcometh** will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

Comments: So there you have it! 'It' being the beginning of a possible life-changing study about 'overcoming'. And yet, what is the overcoming that the Son of man, Jesus Christ is talking about? I think we can find most of the meaning in this phrase for the fourth church!

And he that **overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end,**

This message could mean, that 'overcoming' also means overcoming the sins outlined in most of these churches, and also repenting and following God's Plan.

'Keeping' Jesus' works to the end, also fits very accurately with many other verses in the Bible about 'being faithful to death, faithful, overcoming the world because Jesus has overcome the world' etc.

(John 16:33, Romans 12:21, 1 John 4:4, John 5:4-5, Revelation 2:10, Matthew 25:21 Romans 12:2, Hebrews 12:1-4; as well as all the heroes of faith in Hebrews chapter 11 who kept God's works and Words unto the end)

A summary of the promises:

Let's review these promises again in order in a slightly different form, but in the same scriptural order.

- I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.
- shall not be hurt of the second death.
- I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.
- I give power over the nations: And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. And I will give him the morning star.
- (he) shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.
- I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new

Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

- I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

I encourage each of us to memorise these promises. To ask God to help us keep the conditions the Son of Man is asking of us.

There are hundreds of promises of God in the Bible, but 'look here', and you will see seven in one specific part of the Bible! What more could we ask for!? I pray the Lord will open my heart to believe these great promises and do something about them this week.

I close with three verses in the Bible, also about 'Overcoming':

1 John 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God **overcometh** the world: and this is the victory that **overcometh** the world, even our faith.

1 John 5:5 Who is he that **overcometh** the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

Revelation 21:7
He that **overcometh** shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

God bless you. Until next week.

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WHEREFORE SEEING WE ALSO ARE COMPASSED ABOUT WITH SO GREAT A CLOUD OF WITNESSES, LET US LAY ASIDE EVERY WEIGHT, AND THE SIN WHICH DOTHSO EASILY BESET US, AND LET US RUN WITH PATIENCE THE RACE THAT IS SET BEFORE US,

2 LOOKING UNTO JESUS THE AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF OUR FAITH; WHO FOR THE JOY THAT WAS SET BEFORE HIM ENDURED THE CROSS, DESPISING THE SHAME, AND IS SET DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE THRONE OF GOD.

3 FOR CONSIDER HIM THAT ENDURED SUCH CONTRADICTION OF SINNERS AGAINST HIMSELF, LEST YE BE WEARIED AND FAINT IN YOUR MINDS.

HEBREWS 12:1-3

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