

KEYS TO OVERCOMING

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In the near future, the world as we know will cease to exist. This will result from international disobedience to God's principles. The disciplines and laws that have held the nations together, or those that have kept nations in God's blessings will all have disappeared. Lawlessness will get worse and worse, crime will run out of control, international problems will become so complex that there will be no resolution at all. The bible even reveals that the natural world will deliver some huge problems of its own. Nuclear war, germ war, terrorism, volcanic activity, polarity reversal, asteroid impact, massive earthquakes, severe tidal waves, are all potential destroyers of our planet... the prophecies of God indicate that many of these possibilities are going to happen soon and suddenly... who is going to survive?

The good news is that all who wish to escape what is coming, are free to do so. The bible is the only book of prophecy on earth, which starts before humans were on the earth and ends after they have left it, that gives us any answers.

*The promises to the **overcomers** in the book of Revelation, are divided into seven periods of time as well as to seven literal churches. Most prophetic periods have ended in political changes, religious changes or one type of a disaster or another, but none ends like this age we are in now. In fact, since we entered the last political and spiritual age, the bible itself has become meaningless, to all but those who are going to overcome. They are the only ones who will be in a position of safety and security. They are the only ones who are going to enjoy their future.*

What must we know, if we are going to continue to enjoy the life that God has given us?

We already know how to be saved, but how do we overcome? REV 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

There are three critical features discussed in this verse: they overcame by...

****The blood of the Lamb...*** *The blood of Jesus Christ serves only one purpose... it cleanses sin on a daily basis. 1JOH 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship (fellowship is one of the keys to walking in the light) one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. With sin removed, there is no physical nor spiritual barrier to our relationship and growth with God. We cannot love/serve the Lord's people if we are not part of their lives.*

****The word of their testimony...*** *This is the primary duty of all spirit filled people. MAR 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Jesus Christ himself gave such a commandment... the duty of all spirit filled people... the joy of all those who overcome.*

****They loved not their lives to the death...*** *They put the things of God ahead of all other goals... MAT 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Put spirit before flesh and every possible blessing will be yours.*

Actions are required... the Bible calls these actions 'works'. What are the works that God wants me to do? Jesus summarized them in the great commission...

MAT 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations (make disciples), baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe (obey) all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. *These very simple acts of doing the Lord's work... result in miracles, signs and wonders. Many struggle to get healings or blessings by focusing their faith on the problem... that is ineffectual and faith destroying. The best way to get results is by walking in the Spirit. By all means put your prayer needs to God. Once this is done, get on with serving God. It is these works that turn blind faith into miracle working faith.*

These actions in Matthew also fulfils the last part of our opening scripture... REV 12:11... and they loved not their lives unto the death. Overcomers have a particular lifestyle... they fellowship... they pray... they read their bibles... they preach the gospel to the saved and unsaved... they put God first... they tithe and offer their natural income... God tidies up all their mistakes, working in unity with them. Anything less is not overcoming and the bible promises are meaningless for such. Let's trust God and get into the heart of the spiritual action.