

Overcomers
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**Overcoming:
Every Believer or Some Believers?**

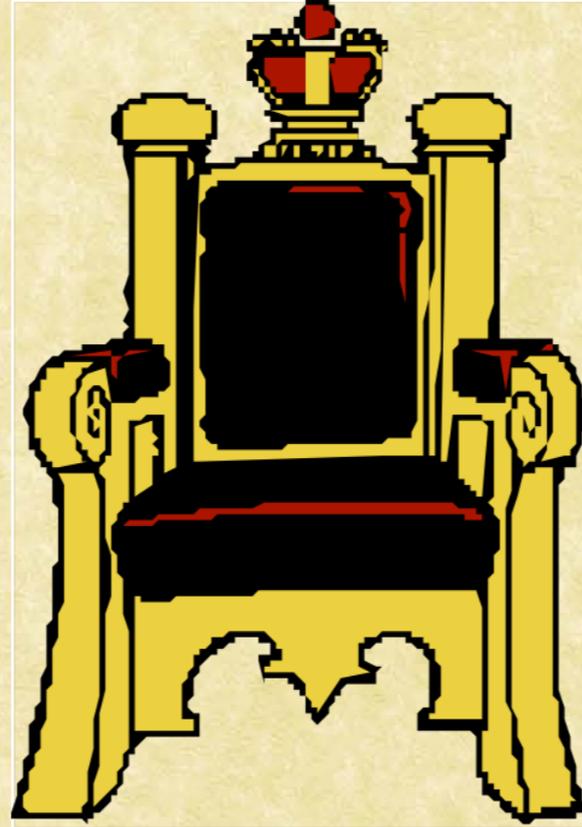
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2 Cor. 5:10,

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”

bh`ma,



Bema

**the raised or elevated seat where
the magistrate or tribunal would
sit. In judicial settings this was
the seat of the judge or tribunal.**



ΒΗΜΑ
ΒΕΜΑ



1 Cor. 3:10, “According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it.

1 Cor. 3:11, “For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.”

1 Cor. 3:12, “Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,

1 Cor. 3:13, “each one’s work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one’s work, of what sort it is.”

1 Cor. 3:14, “If anyone’s work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.

1 Cor. 3:15, “If anyone’s work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.”

**Romans 8:17, “and if children, then heirs --
heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if
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Time to eat children!



Commas save lives.

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9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if so be that the spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man haue not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sinne: but the spirit is life, because of righteousnesse.

11 But if the spirit of him that raised vp Iesus from the dead, dwell in you: he that raised vp Christ from the dead, shall also quicken your mortall bodies, by his spirit that dwelleth in you.

12 Therfore brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to line after the flesh.

13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the spirit doe mortifie the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

14 For as many as are led by the spirit of God, they are the sonnes of God.

15 For ye haue not receiued the spirit of bondage againe to feare: but ye haue receiued the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, father.

16 The spirit it selfe beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.

17 And if children, then heires, heires of God, and ioynt heires with Christ: if so be that we suffer with him, that wee may be also glorified together.

18 For I reckon, that the sufferings of this present time, are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be reuealed in vs.

19 For the earnest expectation of the creature, waiteth for the manifestation of the sonnes of God.

20 For the creature was made subiect to vanitie, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subiected the same in hope:

21 Because the creature it selfe also shall bee deliuered from the bondage of corruption, into the glorious libertie of the children of God.

22 For wee know that the whole creation groaneth, and trauaileth in paine together vntill now.

23 And not only they, but our selues also which haue the first frutes of the spirit, euen we our selues groane within our selues, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

24 For wee are saued by hope: but hope that is seene, is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

25 But if wee hope for that wee see not, then doe wee with patience waite for it.

26 Likewise the spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what wee should pray for as wee ought: but the spirit it selfe maketh intercession for vs with groanings, which cannot be uttered.

27 And he that searcheth the hearts, knoweth what is the minde of the spirit, because he maketh intercession for the Saints, according to the will of God.

28 And wee know that all things worke together for good, to them that loue God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his sonne, that hee might bee the first borne amongst many brethren.

30 Moreover, whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also iustified: and whom he iustified, them he also glorified.

31 What shall wee then say to these things? If God be for vs, who can bee against vs?

32 He that spared not his owne son, but deliuered him vp for vs all: how shall hee not with him also freely giue vs all things?

33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of Gods elect? It is God that iustificieth:

34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather that is risen againe, who is euen at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for vs.

35 Who shall separate vs from the loue of Christ: shall tribulation, or distresse, or persecution, or famine, or nakednesse, or perill, or sword?

36 (As it is written,* for thy sake we are killed all the day long, wee are accounted as sheepe for the slaughter.)

37 Nay in all these things wee are more then conquerours, through him that loued vs.

38 For I am perswaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate vs from the loue of God, which is in Christ Iesus our Lord.

CHAP. IX.

1 Paul is sory for the Iewes. 7 All the seed of Abraham

|| Or, because of his spirit.

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* Psal. 44. 22.

|| Or, every creature.

* Luke 21. 28.

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Two types of heirs:

- **Heirs of God: all believers**
- **Joint heirs with Christ: for those who grow spiritually**

Conclusions

- 1. Every Christian builds on the foundation of their salvation: faith in Jesus Christ as the promised and prophesied Messiah, who like the Passover Lamb, died as a sacrifice to take away the sin of the world.**
- 2. We build with moral works which God has nothing to do with (wood, hay, straw), or we build by walking by the Spirit (Gal. 5:16) and those divinely enabled works have eternal value (gold, silver, precious stones).**
- 3. In this life we cannot determine which is which.**
- 4. Our life's work will be evaluated at the Judgment Seat of Christ.**

Conclusions

- 5. The judgment is not designed to expose sin, but to expose that which has eternal value. Sin was paid for (expiation, redemption) at the Cross.**
- 6. The metaphor of burning destroys that which was temporal to reveal that which is eternal.**
- 7. Rewards are on the basis of what is eternal.**
- 8. Some have no valued works, yet they “will be saved, yet so as through fire.”**
- 9. Conclusion: two types of Christians enter Heaven, those with rewards, and those with no rewards.**

Col. 3:23, “And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men,

Col. 3:24, “knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.”



**Church
Age**

Tribulation

**Millennial
Kingdom**

**Eternal
State**

**Bema
Judgment
Seat of
Christ**

**Second Resurrection
(unsaved)**



**Great White
Throne
Unsaved Dead**

1 Corinthians 9:24, “Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win.

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Starting line at Isthmia.



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1 Corinthians 9:26, “Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air.”

1 Corinthians 9:27, “But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.”

- 1. Every believer is competing in the games.**
- 2. We aren't competing against one another, but against the standard of righteousness, living by the Holy Spirit. None will be perfect, but some are disqualified.**
- 3. Disqualification is not a loss of salvation, but the loss of the prize—the imperishable crown.**

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nikaw *nikao*

articular pres act ptcp

“victors, winners, conquerors, overcomers.”

Cognate to the noun, nikh, *nike*, “victory, success.”

Nikao “to overpower, to gain victory, to win.”

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THREE STAGES OF SALVATION

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ONE

Justification

**Freed from
Penalty of Sin**

PHASE

Two

**Spiritual
Life**

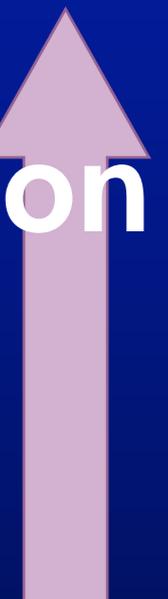
**Freed from
Power of Sin**

PHASE

THREE

Glorification

**Freed from
Presence of Sin**



John 16:33, “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

nika, w *nikao*

Perfect tense: completed action

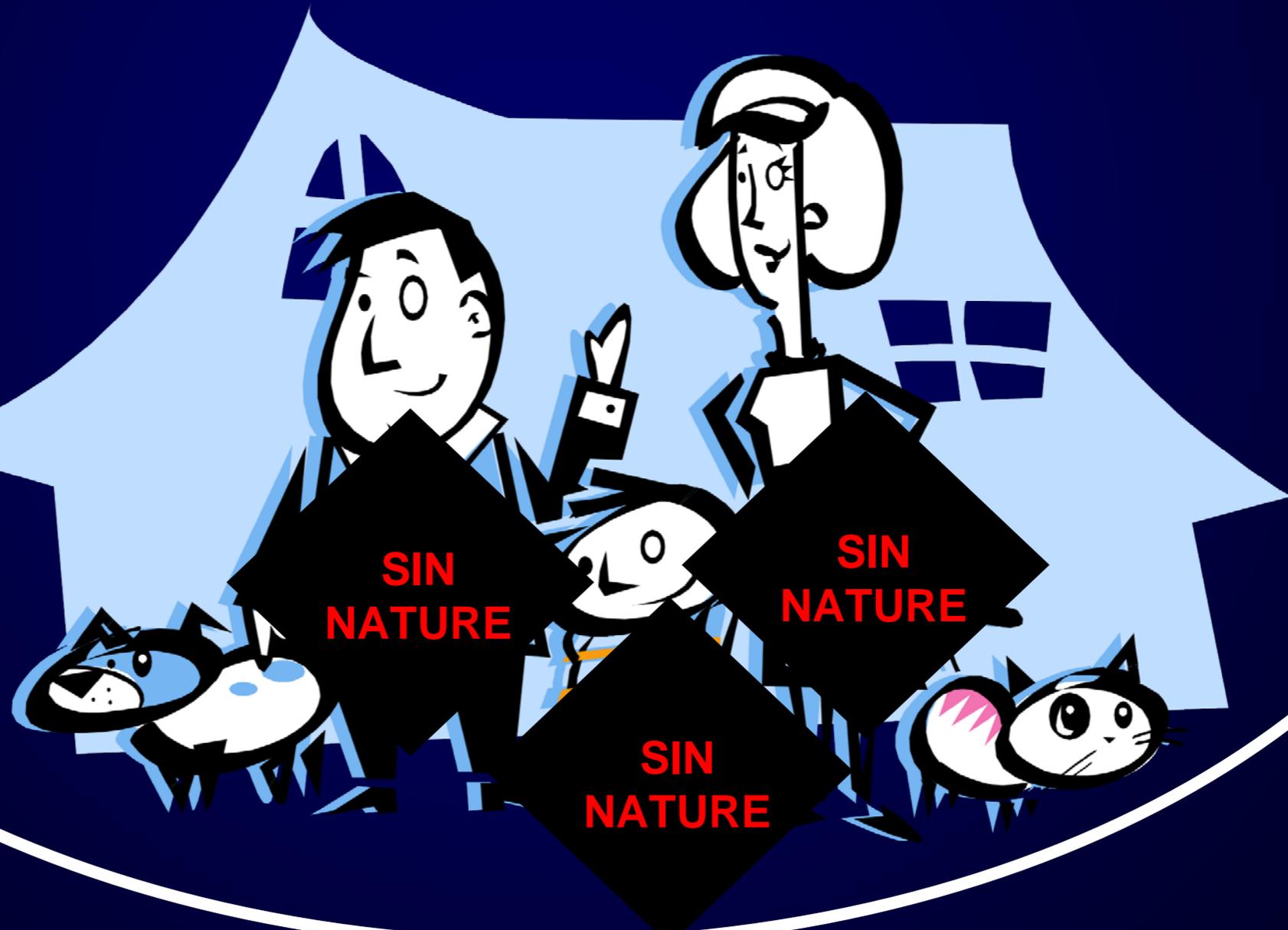
Jesus completed His victory over the world before He went to the Cross

What Did Christ Overcome?

- 1. Before Christ went to the Cross He overcame the world.**
- 2. The “world” or worldliness is different from sin.**
- 3. On the cross Jesus Christ paid the sin penalty.**
- 4. In His life He overcame the thinking of the world, setting the precedent for our victory over the world.**

Devil

World System



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condition, *be changed, be
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demonic = arrogance and autonomy and hostility toward God.

The Characteristics of *Worldliness*

Worldliness is the thought of the creature as Lucifer in rebellion against God.

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- **An orderly, organized system of thought providing the creature with a rationale for living independently of his Creator.**

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- The Biblical concept of “worldliness” describes the collection of ideas, philosophies, religions, standards, values, purposes, and methods to achieve those ends, which characterize a culture or subculture. As such, this worldview incorporates and is expressed in every aspect of a culture’s views of the individual and social relationships, theories of knowledge and learning, expressions of reality in visual and performing arts, science, technology, literature, and law. When the Christian operates within this thought structure, even though it may overlap in many ways with a Biblical worldview, it is still classified as worldliness.**

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1 John 2:13, “I write to you, fathers, because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you have overcome the wicked one. I write to you, little children, because you have known the Father.”

1 John 2:15, “Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

1 John 2:16, “For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.”

1 John 2:17, “And the world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God abides forever.”

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John 14:6, “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

John 14:7, “ ‘If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.’

John 14:8, “Philip said to Him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.’

John 14:9, “Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, “Show us the Father”?’ ”

1 John 2:4, “The one who says, ‘I have come to know Him,’ and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;”

**1 John 5:5, “And who is the one who
overcomes the world, but he who believes that
Jesus is the Son of God?”**

The One Born from God Does ...

1 John 2:29 NASB, “If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone also who practices righteousness is born of Him.”

1 John 3:9 NASB, “No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.”

1 John 4:7 NASB, “Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.”

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Revelation 2:7, “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.”

Revelation 2:11, “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death.”

Contrast Between Victorious Believers and Defeated Believers

- 1. The victorious believer receives rewards, privileges, and blessings at the Judgment Seat of Christ, 1 Cor. 3:12–15**
- 2. The victorious believer is praised personally by the Lord Jesus Christ, “well done, good and faithful servant.” Matt. 25:21, 23**
- 3. Victorious believers have different levels of privilege and authority in the kingdom.**

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- 4. The victorious believer is at the wedding supper following the marriage of the bride, the church, to Christ. Matt. 25:1–3; Rev. 19:6–8**
- 5. Victorious believers participate with Jesus Christ in His final defeat of Satan. Psa. 110:1; Rev. 19**
- 6. Victorious believers will rule with Christ as kings and priests.**

Contrast Between Victorious Believers and Defeated Believers

- 1. Defeated believers fail to put doctrine first, count the cost, apply the Word, and grow spiritually.**
- 2. Defeated believers are often wonderful people and successful in the things of temporal existence and the details of life.**
- 3. But Defeated believers become distracted by the details of life.**
- 4. Temporal loss of blessing and happiness.**

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- 5. Shame at the Judgment Seat of Christ (JSC),
1 John 2:28**
- 6. Loss of rewards at the JSC, 1 Cor. 3:15; Rev.
2:11; they become disinherited but do not lose
their salvation.**
- 7. They will enter but not inherit the kingdom.
Gal. 5:19–21; 1 Cor. 6:10**
- 8. Their rewards will be destroyed in the Lake of
Fire. Rev. 21:8**

Revelation 3:12, “He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. And I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And *I will write on him My new name.*”