

# Philippians Series

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# Philippians

## What is an Overcomer?

### Philippians 1:6; 1 John 5:4



**Php. 1:5, “for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now,**

**Php. 1:6, “being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;” ~NKJV**

**Php. 1:10, “that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ,”**

**Php. 2:16, “holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.”**

**1 Cor. 1:8, “who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.”**

**2 Cor. 1:14, “(as also you have understood us in part), that we are your boast as you also are ours, in the day of the Lord Jesus.”**

**What the Bible Teaches  
About**

**the “Day of Christ”**



- 1. *The Day of Christ* is different from the *Day of the Lord*.**
  - a. The *Day of the Lord* describes a time of judgment;**
  - b. the *Day of Christ* is when Christ comes for His own at the Rapture, which is immediately followed by the Judgment Seat of Christ when we are rewarded.**

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**“For we must all appear before the judgment seat [βῆμα *bēma*] 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.”**

### **3. Two types of people at the *Bema*.**

**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.”**

#### 4. Two types of heirs.

**Romans 8:17, “and if children, then heirs—**heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ**, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.”**

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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 (JSC).**

## **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.**

## **6. Salvation is not a reward!**

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

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

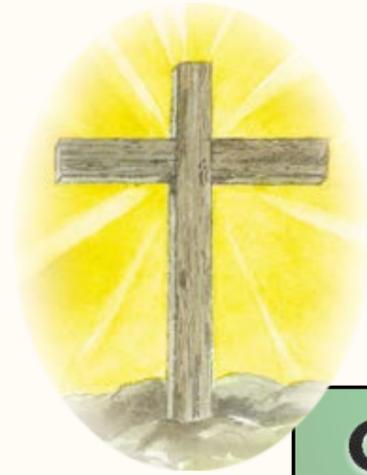
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**Salvation is free, unearned, undeserved.**

**Rewards are based on “doing.”**

## **7. When is the Day of Christ?**



RAPTURE  
OF THE CHURCH



Church  
Age

Tribulation

Millennial  
Kingdom

Eternal  
State

Second Resurrection  
(unsaved)

BEMA  
Judgment  
Seat of  
Christ

GREAT  
WHITE  
THRONE

Unsaved Dead

## **8. Disqualification is the opposite of approved.**

**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.”**

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**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.”**

**δοκιμάζω *dokimazō* 3 sing fut act indic to evaluate, approve, to qualify**

- 1. Every believer is competing in the games.**
- 2. We are not 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.**

**Revelation 3:21, “To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.”**

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**νικάω *nikaō***

**articular pres act ptcp**

**“victors, winners, conquerors, overcomers”**

**Cognate to the noun, *νίκη nikē*, “victory, success.”**

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

## **Two views:**

- 1. Every true believer is an overcomer.**
- 2. Only believers who advance in the Christian life are overcomers.**

**1 John 5:4, “For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world — our faith.**

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

# Three Stages of Salvation

**PHASE  
ONE**



**Justification  
Belief in Christ's  
death for salvation**

**Saved from  
Penalty of Sin  
"You were saved"**

**PHASE  
Two**

**Spiritual  
Life  
Believing Scripture, i.e.,  
the FRD, for spiritual growth**

**Saved from  
Power of Sin  
"You are being saved"**

**PHASE  
THREE**

**Glorification**

**Saved from  
Presence of Sin  
"You will be saved"**



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**perf mid/passive participle**

**neut sing nom**

**to be born, to become the father of, to beget**

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**1 John 2:29, “If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is [has already been] born of Him.” ~RD**

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**This isn't quite the same, because it is the finite verb.**

**1 John 3:9, “Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.”**

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**If “has been born of God” means simple regeneration then no one regenerated can sin—  
“he cannot sin, because he has been  
‘regenerated.’ ”**

**1 John 4:7, “Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is (1) born of God and (2) knows God.”**

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**3 sing perf mid/pass indic**

**Only those born of God and who know God love.**

**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 2:3, “By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments.**

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

**1 John 2:5, “but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are [abiding] in Him:”**

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# Summary

- 1. To know Him is to have love for God.**
- 2. Knowing Him is not = believing in Christ as savior.**
- 3. Knowing Him is a process that begins at salvation.**
- 4. Example: Philip was saved, but did not know Christ, John 14:9.**
- 5. Therefore, a believer must come to know God, know His Word, apply His word, to come to love God, which in turn is manifested by biblical love for other believers.**
- 6. So the immature believer does not yet know God or love God, which means the immature, or out-of-fellowship believer still spends a lot of time loving the world.**

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- 7. The believer who loves one another meets two prerequisites, born from God and knows God.**
- 8. 1 John 3:9 tells us that for John the one born from God is not merely someone regenerated, but someone who is living like a regenerated person.**

**1 John 5:18, “We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.”**