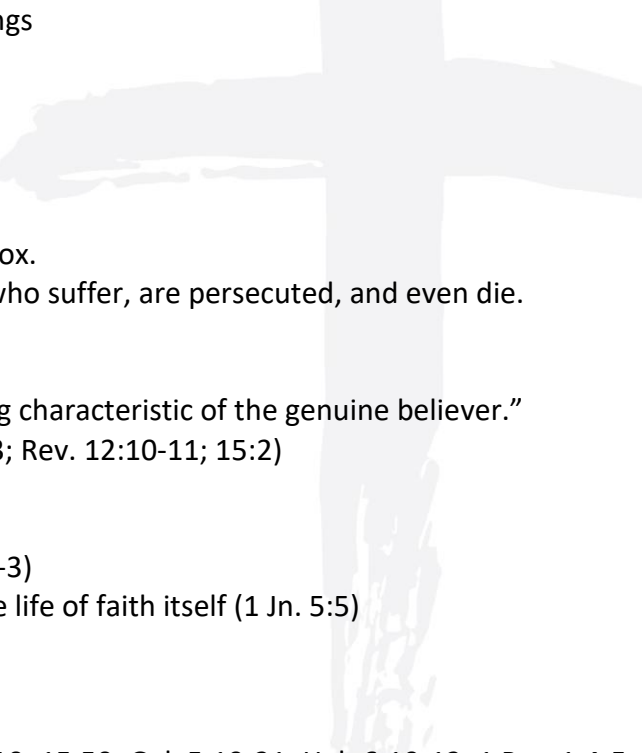


Midweek Bible Study

Exposition of Revelation Overcomers Inherit (21:7-8)

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- I. He who overcomes will inherit these things
 - Overcomes – victor, conqueror
 1. Christ as the Conqueror
 - Past victory - Jn. 16:33; Rev. 5:5;
 - Future victory - Rev. 17:14
 2. Overcoming, conquering is paradox.
 - Those who overcome are those who suffer, are persecuted, and even die.
 - Rev. 12:11; 13:7
 3. The present participle “continuing characteristic of the genuine believer.”
 - Overcome the devil (1 Jn. 2:12-13; Rev. 12:10-11; 15:2)
 - Overcome antichrists (1 Jn. 4:4)
 - Overcome the world (1 Jn. 5:4)
 - Over sin and compromise (Rev. 2-3)
 - Overcoming is a metaphor for the life of faith itself (1 Jn. 5:5)
 - II. Will inherit these things
 - A. Mt. 5:5; 19:29; 25:34; 1 Cor. 6:9-10; 15:50; Gal. 5:19-21; Heb 6:10-12; 1 Pet. 1:4-5
 - B. “All the promises made to the overcomers in the letters section (chs. 2 and 3) are fulfilled in this closing section, which describes the new Jerusalem and the eternal reward of the believer:
 - “the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God” (2:7 and 22:2),
 - inclusion in the new temple (3:12 and 21:22ff.),
 - participation in “the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from my God” (3:12 and 21:2, 10),
 - God’s name written on one’s person (3:12 and 22:4),
 - one’s name written in the book of life (3:5 and 21:27),
 - bright garments as a reward (3:5 and 21:2, 9ff.; cf. 19:7–8),
 - a bright stone and a luminary, whether star or lamp (2:17, 28 and 21:11, 18–21, 23; 22:5, 16),
 - consummate reigning with Christ (2:26–27; 3:21 and 22:5), and
 - exclusion from the second death (2:11; 21:7–8).¹

¹ G. K. Beale and David H. Campbell, [Revelation: A Shorter Commentary](#) (Grand Rapids, MI; Cambridge, U.K.: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2015), 472.



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- C. Covenant promise consummated (2 Sam. 7:14)
- III. Who Doesn't Inherit (8)
 - A. cowardly – Mt 8:26; Mk 4:40
 - B. unbelieving – not just unbelievers, but those with an empty faith or who abandoned faith
 - C. abominable **to detest someth because it is utterly offensive or loathsome, *abhor, detest* τὴ someth**
 - D. murderers – Beale, agents of the beast and harlot who persecuted the saints (1 John 3:15)
 - E. immoral persons – sexually immoral (Heb 13:4; 1 Cor. 6:9 etc)
 - F. sorcerers **φάρμακος one skilled in arcane uses of herbs or drugs, ② one who does extraordinary things through occult means, *sorcerer, magician*²**
 - G. idolaters – image worship – idol worship (1 Cor. 5:10; Eph. 5:5)
 - H. all liars – 1 Jn 2:4, 22; 4:20; 5:10
Compromised behavior, false doctrine, hypocrites
Prov. 6:17

Their part shall be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone
Which is the second death.

The eternal state of punishment – 14:10-11; 19:20; 20:10

² William Arndt et al., [*A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*](#) (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000), 1050.

