

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.

He that overcometh...

G3528 *nikao* subdue, conquer, prevail G3529 *nike* victory

We want to know what our Lord Jesus means by “he that overcomes.”

Who is that, “he that overcomes”?

What does he need to overcome?

1 John 5:4-5 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. (5) Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

What needs to be overcome? the world

-as it is under the sway of the devil

-as it refuses to worship God

-as it does not obey His commandments

-as it tries to convince you to ignore and disobey God

-as all these things give you trouble, or affliction, or tribulation, which tempt you not to follow Jesus Christ and not to trust God's goodness

What overcomes the world? whatsoever is born of God

What is it that is born of God that is the victory that overcomes? our faith

Who overcomes? he that believes in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God

John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

This makes beautiful, perfect sense!

Jesus Christ has overcome the world.

How do we overcome the world?

by faith in Him, believing in Him; we have overcome the world as we are with Him and in Him by faith

We learned previously that the problem in the congregation in Sardis was that they had forgotten the things they had received and heard.

The remedy from our Lord Jesus was to remember those things, to hold them fast, and to repent (for having forgotten them).

So, the people in that congregation were to remember those things they at first had received and heard. What were those?

John 6:68-69 Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. (69) And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.

John 11:27 She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

John 20:31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

Acts 8:37 ...And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

Acts 9:20 And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.

2 Corinthians 1:19 For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, even by me and Silvanus and Timotheus, was not yea and nay, but in him was yea.

So, what is it that the congregation in Sardis is to do?
to remember that Jesus Christ is the Son of God
to hold fast to that truth

And that is what it is to overcome this world:
no matter what goes on in the world around you
no matter what you are tempted to, even by sin in your own flesh
remember what you have heard about Jesus Christ, the Son of God
have faith in Him; trust in Him; believe in Him

John 3:3-8 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot **see the kingdom of God**. (4) Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? (5) Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot **enter into the kingdom of God**. (6) That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. (7) Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. (8) The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

<u>Cause</u>	Effect
<u>be born again of the Spirit</u>	enter the kingdom of God

John 3:15-18 That whosoever believeth in him should **not perish, but have eternal life**. (16) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should **not perish, but have everlasting life**. (17) For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might **be saved**. (18) He that believeth on him is **not condemned**: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

<u>Cause</u>	Effect
<u>believe in the Son of God</u>	not be condemned and perish, but be saved to everlasting life

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<u>be born again of the Spirit</u>	enter the kingdom of God
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1 John 5:1-5 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ **is born of God:** and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. (2) By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. (3) For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. (4) For whatsoever is born of God **overcometh the world:** and this is the victory that **overcometh the world,** even our faith. (5) Who is he that **overcometh the world,** but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

<u>Cause</u>	Effect
v. 4 <u>be born of God</u>	overcome the world
v. 4 <u>our faith</u>	overcome the world
v. 5 <u>believe that Jesus is the Son of God</u>	overcome the world

Revelation 3:3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent.

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<u>Cause</u>	<u>Effect/Cause</u>	<u>Effect</u>
v. 3 <u>Remember how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent.</u>	overcome	be clothed in white raiment
		not have named blotted out of the book of life
		have named confessed

believe in the Son of God = born of God
 born of God ---> overcometh the world
 our faith / believe in the Son of God ---> overcometh the world

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Revelation 2:26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

Knollys:

(on Rev 2:7) a metaphor taken from the athletes, who strive for victory by running or fighting, {1Co 9:26-27} that is to say, to every one that getteth the victory over all his soul enemies, his spiritual antagonists, to wit, the world, {1Jo 5:4-5} the beast, {Re 15:2} Satan {1Jo 2:13-14} and sin.

any...that...shall repent...and be watchful, and so overcome the world, Satan, and sin; and...the beast

Poole:

(on Rev 2:7) that is, a conqueror in fighting the good fight of faith, against the world, the flesh, and the devil.

Barnes:

(on Rev 2:7) Greek, "To him that gains the victory, or is a conqueror" - τῷ νικῶντι τῷ νικῶντι. This may refer to any victory of a moral character, and the expression used would be applicable to one who should triumph in any of these respects:

- (a) over his own easily-besetting sins;
- (b) over the world and its temptations;
- (c) over prevalent error;
- (d) over the ills and trials of life, so as, in all these respects, to show that his Christian principles are firm and unshaken.

Life, and the Christian life especially, may be regarded as a warfare.

Thousands fall in the conflict with evil; but they who maintain a steady warfare, and who achieve a victory, shall be received as conquerors in the end.

Numbers 19:11-12 He that toucheth the dead body of any man shall be unclean seven days. (12) He shall purify himself with it on the third day, and on the seventh day he shall be clean: but if he purify not himself the third day, then the seventh day he shall not be clean.

Revelation 7:9-14 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; (10) And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. (11) And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, (12) Saying, Amen: Blessing, and

glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. (13) And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? (14) And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.